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**"Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening the axe."
 —Abraham Lincoln**

As another academic year concludes, thoughts turn to commencement, moving out, and
 moving in. New graduates celebrate their years of formal training, knowing they have
 succeeded in sharpening skills for their future.

Their preparation now makes them ready for new challenges, moving out from the nurturing
 environment with which they've become familiar and comfortable, into a new setting, perhaps
 labeled as that first "real job."

The foundation established through the college years includes not only the achievement of the
 academic degree, but also growth obtained through experiential learning. Students becoming
 new alumni quickly find that networking—connecting with professionals in their chosen field or
 profession—can yield exponential returns.

In this issue's lead story, we introduce you to a few alumni who are founders or hold major
 positions within their work environments. They, in turn, hire Ball State alumni, because they realize
 the power of a BSU degree.

While the company sizes range from three to hundreds of employees, there is a thread
 of thought that connects them all: their own experiences at Ball State gave these seasoned
 professionals just the right tools to do what they are doing, and they, with confidence, hire Ball State students and
 graduates for their internships and full-time positions.

Jeannine Harrold, director of Ball State's Career Center,
 points out that "[Employers] want real-world experience,
 technological know-how, communication skills, leadership
 skills, confidence, and adaptability." Harrold says that Ball
 State scores well in all those areas of preparation, and our
 alumni who are in hiring positions confirm that Ball State
 graduates get high marks in the workplace. Read our story,
 beginning on page 18.

In *Beyond the Classroom* and *College Close-up*, we
 present two examples of some of the excellent training
 opportunities the university offers. The Indianapolis Center
 is fully operational, establishing an expanded presence in
 the Indianapolis area and offering programs that range
 from continuing education and professional development
 to providing a hub for research and testing of digital
 technologies. See the story on page 3.

Ball State's Honors College is a dynamic atmosphere for
 learning. Students who receive an honors diploma have
 had the opportunity to experience an additional level of
 hard work, creativity, and excellence during their stay at the
 university. That extra enlightenment often distinguishes
 graduates further as they seek their career goals. Read

about how the Honors College enhances educational training, beginning on page 8.

As the power of networking is demonstrated in the lead story, another kind of Ball State
 connection also is featured—Ball State legacies. Six families are profiled, each with a different twist
 to their university link. Their stories begin on page 29.

We are excited to tell these and other stories. They represent only a small percentage of what
 makes Ball State an exciting and vibrant place to live, work, and study. A drive through campus will
 quickly reveal the physical growth and enhancements to Ball State. Within the campus parameters
 lies an intellectually energetic environment. It is a great place to metaphorically sharpen the axe, as
 Abe Lincoln stated, in preparation for a lifetime of achievement.

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Then, Now, Always

Twenty-one years ago, former President John E. Worthen and the late Vice President for Student Affairs Jack Beyerl combined several career development and employment functions on campus to create the Office of Career Services. They asked me to direct the new organization and to emphasize career planning over a lifetime in all of our programs and services for career decision-making, part-time employment and internship support, and the search for professional employment and graduate schools. Following our move into renovated space in Lucina Hall, we officially became the Career Center, a centralized, comprehensive service for all Ball State University students and graduates.

It was an exciting time! The term “networking,” used to describe professional connections, was gaining popularity. Our staff focused efforts on connecting networks of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and employers in new and different ways. Some of them involved technology; some were in the classroom; some were new collaborations; and others were through new events. We supported the recruitment of students to the university and into a positive learning community that would encourage students to stay in school, graduate, and pursue a wide variety of professional opportunities.

Since that time, we have endured several job-market cycles that have affected our programs and activities, but the most important element of a job search remains the same. Whether a freshman is looking for that first real job, a sophomore or junior is looking for an internship, a senior is looking for a graduate program or professional position, or a graduate student or an experienced professional is looking for a different job or a career change, a successful outcome depends upon the strength of their networks.

Every day, the Career Center is contacted by someone in our employer network because of the contributions of one of our alumni to their organization or because they have heard about the high quality graduates from one of our academic programs. Today's technology makes it possible for us to keep this dynamic network alive and to connect people more quickly.

Cardinal Career Link is the newest career management Web-based system in the Career Center, introduced to students as freshmen. Both students and alumni can securely manage their own career planning and job searches using the features of the system, and employers can present their employment opportunities electronically to them whenever they occur. Thus, a new network is created.

The importance of developing and maintaining relationships in person or online, as a student or as an alumnus of Ball State University, as an employee or as an employer, was central to the original philosophy of the Career Center in 1986. It still is today, and I predict that it always will be.

Jeannine A. Harrold, '64MA71, Director
Ball State University Career Center




Indianapolis

state of mind

Ball State's Indianapolis Center solidifies statewide recognition

by Sarah Kincheloe

Turn the busy corner from Maryland to Meridian Street in downtown Indianapolis, and there it is: Ball State. In November 2006, the university expanded its availability to the greater Indianapolis area with the grand opening of the Ball State University Indianapolis Center.

Frank Sabatine, dean of the School of Extended Education, says the visibility will nurture Ball State's reputation as a top-Indiana school. "When you think Indiana higher education, you think IU, Purdue, and now, Ball State. We're mentioned in the same breath. Indianapolis is the hub of the state," he explains. "If you're going to be a player in Indiana, you have to have a presence in Indianapolis."

The idea of establishing a fully functional Indianapolis location began with the College of Architecture and Planning (CAP) and the CAP:IC project in June 2001. Brad Beaubien, a CAP graduate who is now on staff with CAP:IC, comments on the cooperation with the Indianapolis Department of Metropolitan Development in the creation of the Regional Center Plan 2020.

"A planning professor, Scott Truex, developed a partnership with the Indianapolis Department of Metropolitan Development that allowed grad students to work in assistantships on the Regional Center Plan," Beaubien explains.

Through the plan, CAP has been sending its students to Indianapolis for special project experiences. Little did Beaubien know how far the CAP:IC initiative

would eventually expand, to well beyond the College of Architecture and Planning.

The Center advances Ball State's mission and endeavors as a whole, promoting professional development throughout the Indianapolis area. Goals are to offer for-credit courses, host professional speakers, and allow outside organizations to utilize the Center.

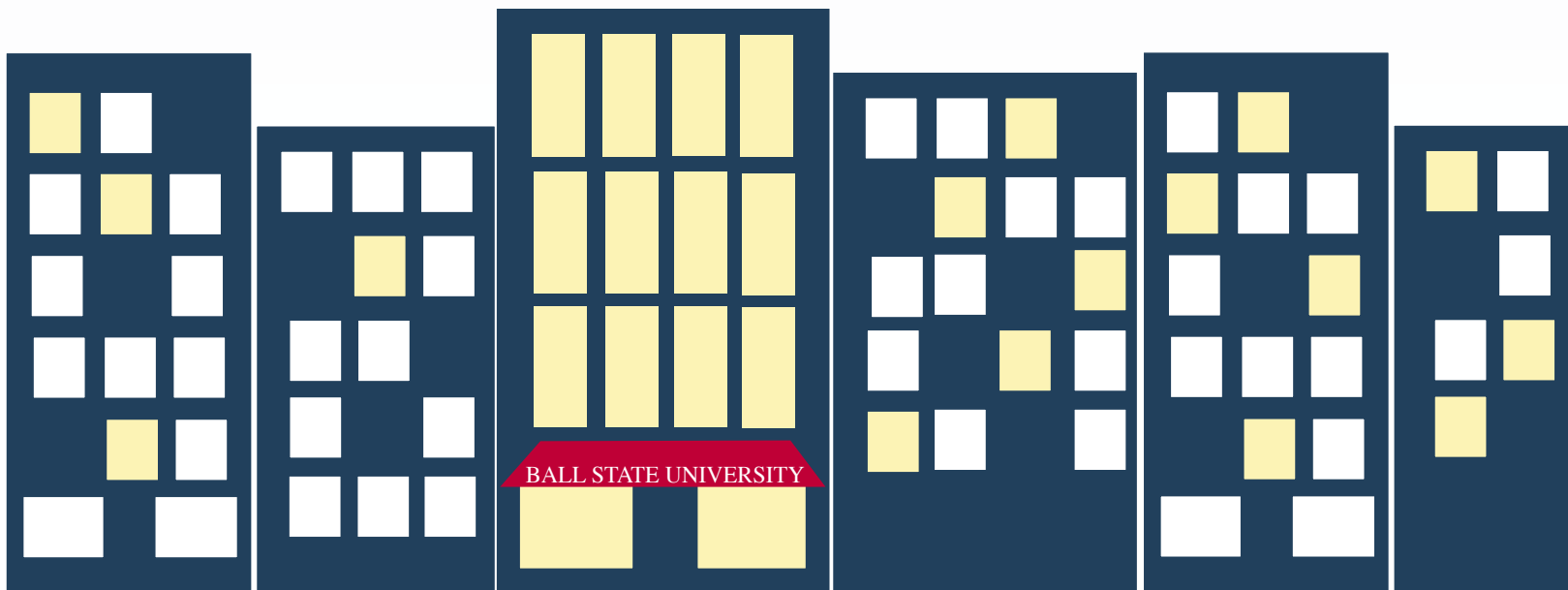
In the early stages, bringing in speakers and events has not been a problem for the facility, according to Indianapolis Center Director Kelly Favory, who further explains the dimension of activity beyond classes.

"We utilize our classrooms and storefront space for non-traditional events such as legislative receptions, appreciation luncheons, awards ceremonies, and publicity events. We field numerous calls per week from companies [interested in using our facility]," Favory says.

This summer, the Indianapolis Center will offer 16 graduate level courses to current Ball State and distance-learning students. Additionally, participants will complete a six-week certified training consultant program offered through the Center, which began at the end of March.

For individuals who are not seeking credit, but are eager to learn, the journey can begin with the Ball State Indianapolis Center. On location are offices for the American Institute of Architects, American Society of Landscape Architects, the Center for Media Design, and a soon-to-be completed Discovery Center.

The Center for Media Design (CMD), housed in its own lower-level space at the Center, is a research and



development facility focused on the creation, testing, and practical application of digital technologies for business, classroom, home, and community.

Sabatine notes that the Indianapolis location makes CMD's research more accessible to area clients. "Many companies that are interested in [CMD services] are in Indianapolis. They need an office there."

Current CMD projects are directed toward advertising firms for commercial creation. "They track eye movements [of commercial viewers] to see what the people are actually looking at. That's cutting-edge," Sabatine says.

"The Discovery Center is [another attraction that will] become a tourist stop," Sabatine claims. "We're working with the Indianapolis Convention and Visitor's Association, and when someone comes to them and says, 'What's going on in this city?' they can say, 'Stop at the Ball State Discovery Center and you can look at videos of what's happening.'"

Ball State's well-established lifelong learning program also is getting a boost through the Indianapolis Center.

"We want to greatly expand our continuing [and public] education offerings," says Beaubien, speaking not just of the CAP entity, but about all Ball State programs. "We feel a great need here to educate on behalf of our professions."

Opening the Center to the public is only the beginning of Ball State's

community outreach in Indianapolis, particularly from the architecture and planning viewpoint. CAP is involved with two major outreach projects, Great Indy Neighborhoods and Urban Design Indianapolis.

The first is in cooperation with the not-for-profit Local Initiatives Support Corporation. CAP is providing planning support, Web site design, and workshops for six pilot neighborhoods. Urban Design Indianapolis is a partnership with the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, the city of Indianapolis, and Urban Design Oversight Committee, to create guidelines for the downtown Indianapolis area.

"We've gradually grown a name for ourselves [through the outreach]," says Beaubien. "Ball State students have the opportunity to address real-life problems down here, real-life situations. I think we've made some favorable first impressions with a lot of people."

Favory agrees, and says the public has responded with "anticipation and eagerness" for what is coming from the Indianapolis Center.

Alumni and friends are among the most excited for these developments. Sabatine attributes this to the "good feeling" that alumni have with Ball State. He explains that as students, they "developed relationships and enjoyed good experiences." Alumni are now looking to the Center to exude the same feelings. Sabatine believes the Center delivers that type



courtesy, Center for Media Design

of atmosphere, with its comfortable, coffee-shop environment.

"There's something about a personalized [place] or knowing somebody. 'You're connected somehow, in a human way,' he says. 'In this day and age, with all the technology, it's that human kind of touch that people crave. We've combined interaction with technology and people.'"

As the university's new Education Redefined message suggests, it's tradition plus innovation, creativity plus collaboration, challenge plus opportunity. Now, at the Ball State University Indianapolis Center, it's interaction with technology, plus interaction with people. ■

(Above): The Center for Media Design uses new technology to track where viewers' eyes are drawn within commercial advertisements.

(Below): Visitors explore the Indianapolis Center at the November 2006 grand opening.



alumni CONNECTION

Professional societies honor alumni, plan activities

Alumni societies have sponsored award programs and activities. Plans for summer events are underway.

FCS: The Family and Consumer Sciences Alumni Society board of directors has elected **Jeanine LeMaster**, '92, as president and **Tim Hill**, '00MA02, as vice president for 2007-08.

LeMaster teaches at Jay County Schools, and Hill is director of architectural and engineering services with Flaherty and Collins, Inc., in Indianapolis.

The board will meet Wednesday, June 6, at the Alumni Center.

Journalism: The Journalism Alumni Society and Department of Journalism

honored alumni during the annual spring awards luncheon, April 3.

Tim Andrews, '84, and **Mark Popovich**, '63MA68, were inducted into the Hall of Fame. **Rachel Allen**, '98, and **Scott Navarro**, '97, received the Outstanding Young Alumnus award, and **Bernard Kohn**, '82, was honored with the Outstanding Alumnus Award.

The society's board of directors met following the luncheon. Plans are underway to participate with the Indianapolis alumni Symphony on the Prairie outing in the summer.

Other regional events, mentoring activities, and the 2008 journalism alumni reunion will be discussed at the board's Saturday, June 23 meeting.

Tom Gayda, '98MA05, is a new member of the board.

MCOB: The Miller College of Business Alumni Society hosted Dialogue Days, March 6-7. One hundred alumni and friends participated in the event, speaking to 165 different classes within the college about their business careers.

The NREM board of directors is working out details for their annual alumni awards dinner, scheduled for Friday, October 5, on campus.

NREM: The Natural Resources and Environmental Management Alumni Society honored Donald Van Meter with the award of distinction; **John Schaust**, '80, with the award of achievement; and **Lina Gordy**, MS02; and **Bruce Oldham**, '98, with awards of merit at its annual awards dinner, April 20.

The society is planning a White River Clean-up

Saturday, June 9, in the Noblesville area.

The board of directors will meet Thursday, August 30, at the Alumni Center. Following the meeting, the board will attend the football game against Miami University.

Nursing: The Nursing Alumni Society honored **Patricia M. Toney**, '77, with the Outstanding Nursing Alumni Award at the annual nursing awards banquet, April 28.

The society will participate in the Nursing Pinning Ceremony Friday, May 4, at Emens Auditorium. The ceremony will begin at 7:00 p.m., followed by a reception.

Teachers College: The Teachers College Alumni Society board of directors will meet Tuesday, June 26, at 8:00 a.m., in the Alumni Center.

BSUAA launches program for newborns

The Ball State University Alumni Association has launched a new program to welcome newborns into the Cardinal family. In partnership with the Ball State Federal Credit Union (BSFCU), the Alumni Association will administer the program.

"Born to be a Cardinal" is designed for babies from birth to 12 months, who are the children or grandchildren of Ball State alumni.

The program was established as an alumni service to recognize the university's newest legacies, honor alumni parents and grandparents, and promote pride in Ball State. It provides the family a mechanism to save for college through the BSFCU.

Cost of basic enrollment is \$15.00. New members in the basic plan will receive a Ball State bib, a magnetic photo frame with the "Born to be a Cardinal" logo, and a \$10.00 custodial account opened in the child's name at the BSFCU.

Members may opt to increase the minimum for their savings plan. Amounts greater than \$15.00 will be deposited directly into the custodial account.

The enrollment form is available through the Alumni Association Web site, www.bsu.edu/alumni. The program is effective May 1.



"Born to be a Cardinal" membership includes a Ball State bib, a magnetic photo frame, and a \$10.00 custodial account through the Ball State Federal Credit Union.

Alumni chapters plan host of summer events

Regional alumni chapter members have planned numerous activities, from golf and dinner outings and the annual Symphony on

the Prairie to seminars and reunions, for the summer months.

Adams-Wells: The Adams-Wells Alumni Chapter will sponsor a golf and dinner outing, Thursday, June 21,

at Grey Goose Golf Club in Decatur. **Nicole Schultz**, '97MA99; **Holly Mahnensmith**, '92MA96; and **Bob Goulet**, '81, will coordinate the event.

Greater Indianapolis: The Greater Indianapolis Area Alumni Chapter sponsored a theatre and dinner outing, March 23. More than 130 alumni and friends attended. The outing was in conjunction with the Education Redefined tour.

The chapter will host a picnic and see an Indianapolis Indians baseball game at Victory Field, Friday, June 8. The Indians will play the Rochester Red Wings. The picnic will begin at 5:30 p.m. and game time is 7:00 p.m.

John Waite, '87, is coordinating the event.

The annual Continuing Professional Education

Seminar for CPAs is Wednesday, June 13, from 8:00 a.m.-noon. The seminar will be at Lutz's Restaurant in Noblesville. **Kevin Ervin**, '82, will coordinate the event.

Following the seminar, a golf and dinner outing will be hosted at Pebble Brook Golf Club in Noblesville. **Bob Browning**, '76, is in charge.

The annual Symphony on the Prairie Outing and Hoosier Park Racing and Dinner Outing will conclude the list of summer events.

Julie Bradshaw, '80, is in charge of the symphony outing, scheduled for Saturday, August 11. **Jason Blythe**, '93, is coordinating the Hoosier Park outing, set for Saturday, September 15, in Anderson.

Information and registration forms for all upcoming events will be

POST-ITS

Black Alumni: The Black Alumni Society board of directors will meet Saturday, May 12, at the Alumni Center to finalize plans for the biennial reunion, Friday through Sunday, August 3-5, on campus.

A career development session has been added to the reunion, where Outstanding Black Alumni awards also will be presented. All black alumni are invited to update their contact information on the Alumni Registry, www.bsu.edu/alumni. E-mail will be used to provide reunion details.

Class of 1957: The Class of 1957 social committee invites class members, their families, and friends to attend a Golden Anniversary reunion, Thursday and Friday, June 14-15, on campus. Reservation information will be mailed. For information on hotel reservations, contact the Alumni Association.

Men's Gymnastics: Alumni of the Ball State Men's Gymnastics program will meet for a reunion Friday and Saturday, June 8-9, at Accelerated Wellness in Granger. The event will be hosted by **Dennis Smith**, '70MA73. Families are invited.

Navigators: A reunion is scheduled for Navigators alumni, Friday and Saturday, June 22-23, on campus. Entertainment by Nancy Honeytree and a bus tour of campus are among the items on the agenda. The planning committee includes **Patrick Daniels**, '80; **Robin Tyner**, '77; **Gary Burriss**, '78; and **Keith Luers**, '80. More information will be mailed. For information on hotel reservations, contact the Alumni Association.

StART: The annual Senior Congrats Party is scheduled for Friday, May 4, 4:00-7:00 p.m., at the Alumni Center. All graduating seniors are invited. The event will be hosted by the Student Alumni Relations Team (StART). Tickets are required.

Symphony on the Green: The annual Symphony on the Green picnic and concert will take place Saturday, June 9, on campus. The picnic will begin at 5:00 p.m., followed by the Muncie Symphony Orchestra concert. All alumni and friends are invited to attend.

Terre Haute: Alumni in the Terre Haute area are invited to attend the Thirsty Thursday outing, Thursday, May 31, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Copper Bar. Reservations are required by Thursday, May 24.

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don't miss these

UPCOMING EVENTS



by Ernie Krug

Alumnus Bruce Skiles and his son Tyler enjoy the Adams-Wells bowling outing, February 11, in Bluffton.

- **NREM White River Clean-up, Saturday, June 9, Noblesville**
- **MCOB Continuing Education Seminar for CPAs, Wednesday, June 13, Noblesville**
- **Class of 1957 Golden Anniversary Reunion, Thursday and Friday, June 14-15, Alumni Center**
- **Three Rivers Festival Parade, Saturday, July 14, Fort Wayne**
- **Nursing Pinning Ceremony, Friday, July 20, Student Center**
- **Michiana 4-H Fair Outing, Saturday, July 21, Goshen**



by Ernie Krug

Alumni Association vice president, Jo Ann Johnston, and president, Charles Green, registered guests at the annual TGIF outing, February 16, in Fort Wayne.



by Doug Blemker

Alumnus Tim Andrews (left) is congratulated by Journalism Alumni Society President Brian Hayes. Andrews was inducted into the Hall of Fame during the annual Journalism Awards luncheon, April 3.

sent to alumni in the Greater Indianapolis area.

Michiana: The Michiana Alumni Chapter board of directors has appointed two new board members, **Elaine Laux, '78;** and **Jeannie Piechocki, '99.**

The board will meet Tuesday, June 5, at 6:00 p.m., in Elkhart. On the agenda will be upcoming events, including a future outing in conjunction with a South Bend Silver Hawks baseball game.

The chapter will host its annual Michiana 4-H Fair Outing, Saturday, July 21, in Goshen. The outing will include a picnic and a concert

with Loverboy. **Kristy Ambrosen, '94,** is in charge.

The chapter will sponsor a golf and dinner outing, Tuesday, July 24, at Bent Oak Golf Club in Elkhart. **Stephanie Markley, '90,** and **Robert Woods, '65EdD90,** will coordinate the event.

Northeastern: The Northeastern Alumni Chapter will participate in the Three Rivers Festival Parade Saturday, July 14, beginning at 7:00 a.m., in Fort Wayne.

The chapter will host a golf and dinner outing, Wednesday, July 18, at Cherry Hill Golf Course, coordinated by **Matt Momper, '83.**

SUMMER GOLF OUTINGS

Greater Indianapolis Golf and Dinner Outing
Wednesday, June 13, Pebble Brook Golf Club, Noblesville
Contact: **Bob Browning, '76,** (317) 541-8888

Kokomo Area Golf and Dinner Outing
Monday, June 18, Kokomo Country Club, Kokomo
Contact: **Craig Dunn, '75,** (765) 457-6101
Ron Barsh, '70MA73, (765) 453-4739

Adams-Wells Golf and Dinner Outing
Thursday, June 21, Grey Goose Golf Club, Decatur
Contact: **Nicole Schultz, '97MA99,** (260) 724-3287
Don Kitson, '91, (260) 724-9674
Bob Goulet, '81, (765) 565-3582

Eastern Indiana Golf and Dinner Outing
Tuesday, July 10, Winchester Golf Club, Winchester
Contact: **Ric Study, '76,** (765) 584-0252
Tim Passmore, '82MA92, (765) 584-1355

Sigma Phi Epsilon Golf and Dinner Outing
Friday, July 13, Wildcat Creek Golf Course, Kokomo
Contact: **Don Park, '61MA63,** (765) 286-0539

Northeastern Indiana Golf and Dinner Outing
Wednesday, July 18, Cherry Hill Golf Course, Fort Wayne
Contact: **Matt Momper, '83,** (260) 432-7543

Michiana Alumni Chapter Golf and Dinner Outing
Tuesday, July 24, Bent Oak Golf Club, Elkhart
Contact: **Stephanie Markley, '90,** (574) 848-5016
Robert Woods, '65EdD90, (574) 293-2091

Cardinal Football Alliance Alumni Society
Ray Louthen Memorial Golf Outing
Friday, July 27, Muncie Elks, Muncie
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or alumni1@bsu.edu



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Honors College

Students stretch their education beyond traditional boundaries

by Sarah Davison

It's no secret that possessing an honors diploma is a great career boost on a resume.

It's equally unsurprising that to be a member of Ball State's Honors College, students must be driven, focused, and have a fair dose of intellect.

But a hallmark of the college that may catch outsiders off-guard is that it thrives on risk, both for students and professors.

"It's about the degree to which students and faculty have to work outside their comfort zone to find something worthwhile," says James Ruebel, dean of Ball State's Honors College. "It's very possible within the Honors College to be adventurous and take risks."

Jennifer Warrner, who obtained her bachelor's degree in 2004 and her master's in 2005 from Ball State, says she was impressed with the flexibility the honors curriculum offers.

"If you have an idea for a class or an independent study," Warrner says, "professors are extremely open to listening to those ideas and making [the concept] happen."

"There's more freedom in the approach to the material," she continues. "I was able to use creativity in thinking skills."

Warrner exercised that flexibility to help create a senior capstone project that evolved into a class for freshman honors students. "Muncie 101" introduces students to the culture, community, and resources Muncie has to offer. By helping form the course, she was shaping fellow classmates' views of Muncie.

Professor of English Barbara Stedman knew she was taking a leap of faith when she decided to completely restructure her honors global studies class this spring.

Global Studies 189 is traditionally taught using geographically diverse pieces of literature, giving students insight into the literature, culture, and current events in the world around them. But Stedman chose to structure the class in an entirely new way.

"It's the riskiest thing I've ever done," says Stedman, who began the semester by assigning groups to specific civilizations, from which each group selected a country. She introduced each cluster of students to their country's basic features, and its internal and external conflicts. Stedman then revealed the risky side.

"I told [the students], 'You're going to be doing 90 percent of the work.'"





Barbara Stedman's global studies class spent the semester working toward a better understanding of different world cultures.

courtesy, Honors College

The next time the students met, the class size had decreased by about half. Stedman was both frustrated and concerned about the course's prospect for success.

At first, the students seemed to shy away from sharing ideas in the small and diverse group. Eventually, they overcame their barriers and began interacting. "About six weeks into the semester," she says, "It just went kaboom—in a good way."

Stedman explains her teaching philosophy. "As a professor what you learn is, [once you're] into the semester you become irrelevant, and that's wonderful."

She says her global studies students fulfilled her expectations and their roles, when they suddenly exploded with ideas and a new passion for the course. "It's turned out even better than I hoped," she comments. "They've taken charge. We have an online discussion, and I can't keep up with it."

The entire class organized a final course project dedicated to generating interest on Ball State's campus about the displacement in Darfur. The class presented a movie on the crisis, filmed their own documentary on campus awareness, and took busloads of Ball State students to Chicago to attend a national event focused on sending aid to Sudan.

"I couldn't be more proud of them," Stedman comments. "They know they're going to make an impact."

She knows that without the discovery-oriented nature of the Honors College, her class might never have made it past an idea.

"The Honors College [creates] the opportunity for this kind of flexibility in learning," Stedman explains. "Students come into a classroom and say, 'I know how to write a paper; I know how to take a test; I know how to be a good student.' This takes it a step beyond that."

Ruebel agrees and says that both students and professors benefit from such a pliable program. "Students are curious, students are creative, they ask questions you haven't thought of, [give] answers you never dreamed of—and that is exciting."

As a student, Warrner appreciated the hands-on nature the Honors College brought to most of her classes. "You learn about [a topic], you discuss it, and then you actually experience it," she says.

The senior capstone project, such as Warrner's, is an extension of the classroom and a great way for students to break the boundaries of traditional learning. Ruebel says projects can cover any topic, and that numerous students choose to explore areas outside their field of study.

Capstone projects have ranged from constructing a guitar from scratch, to a history of women's softball in Indiana, to analyzing the causes of the war in Iraq. This semester, a team produced

a benefit concert for the American Heart Association, and in the past a student organized a walk against breast cancer.

"The purpose is getting data," Ruebel says. "What does it mean? How do you interpret it? If it's a paper, it's not just a term paper. We like to see our students talk about their thinking, not just what the answer is."

Senior journalism and history major Lisa Gerstner believes that the Honors College is preparing her for her future by helping her realize she has what it takes to overcome obstacles. "It denotes a long-term record of achievement," she says, "I think having an honors diploma shows you have tenacity."

"The skills you need for life are not necessarily for your job," Ruebel says. "We're here for your lifelong skills."

He acknowledges that an honors diploma is an addition to a college degree, not a replacement. He says the diploma demonstrates an additional level of hard work, creativity, and excellence.

According to Ruebel, the Honors College prepares students for forward thinking in life, not just for building an impressive resume. He concludes: "It's not a thing that will matter at meetings—it's you." ■

Journalism program listed among nation's top schools

Ball State has one of the nation's top journalism programs in the country, according to a newspaper industry journal.

Editor & Publisher (E&P), the nation's oldest publication covering the newspaper industry, lists Ball State among 45 colleges and universities with "leading journalism schools throughout the United States."

The article, which appears on *E&P's* Web site, provides links to journalism programs at each of the 45 colleges and universities.

Ball State's Department of Journalism offers professional programs in advertising, journalism graphics, magazine, news-editorial, photojournalism, public relations, and teacher education. The department is accredited by the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications (ACEJMC). Nationally, of the 430 colleges and universities with a journalism program, cognate, major or minor, only 107 are accredited.

Journalism students receive individual attention and hands-on instruction using leading-edge communication technologies. Students are encouraged to supplement their classroom education with immersive learning opportunities by working with award-winning student publications and organizations.

University approves new room, board rate plans

Ball State's Board of Trustees approved new room and board rates, along with new meal plans, during their February meeting. The board also publicly thanked retiring board member **Richard Moake**, '72, for his dedication to the university, and approved honorary degrees for guest commencement speakers.

The board honored Moake, a trustee from 1991 to 2007, for providing insight and advice regarding major construction and renovations instrumental in the short- and long-term needs of the university.

The trustees approved a range of rates based on room and meal plan choices. Residence hall basic double occupancy room and board will increase \$342, from \$6,898 to \$7,240. About 1,812 current students will have no increase in rates next year because they are enrolled in Ball State's premium plan that locks in rates for two years.

The new room and board rates will provide a 3.7 percent increase in the housing budget for 2007-08, necessary to cover rising costs for food and supplies, renovation and maintenance of the residence halls, employee health care, and debt service on the residence halls.

New and renovated halls are expected to enhance living for their residents.

Park Hall, the university's newest residence hall, will feature semi-private bathrooms clustered around double rooms. A limited number of single rooms also will be available. The residence hall will include a two-story social lounge, laundry facility with

online access, a fitness room, and technology center.

Another major addition to residential life for fall 2007 will be the newly renovated Woodworth Commons, located in the Woodworth complex. It will feature a two-story atrium and soft seating areas that will remain open around the clock as a place for students to socialize or study. Dining operations will include a Mongolian grill, salads, and an Italian espresso bar.

In other business, the trustees approved honorary degrees for Andrew Card, who served as White House chief of staff from 2000-06; Hurley Goodall, former state legislator and visiting scholar with the Ball State Center for Middletown Studies; Judy

O'Bannon, former first lady of Indiana; John Brooks Slaughter, president and chief executive



Richard Moake

officer of the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering; and **Sara Martinez Tucker**, '90, U.S. Under Secretary of Education.

Card, Goodall, and O'Bannon will receive their degrees Saturday, May 5, during the university's main commencement ceremony. Slaughter will receive his degree during the December 2007 commencement. Tucker will receive her degree during the May 2008 commencement.

in other NEWS

Business college dean announces departure

Lynne Richardson, dean of Ball State's Miller College of Business, is leaving Ball State to assume a similar position at Mississippi State University.

Dean of the Miller College of Business and professor of marketing since July 2001, Richardson received her undergraduate degree in marketing from the University of Montevallo (AL) and an MBA from the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) before completing her doctorate in marketing at the University of Alabama in 1989.

Prior to her appointment at Ball State, Richardson served as associate dean for

undergraduate programs and external relations with the UAB School of Business.

During her tenure at Ball State, the university's undergraduate business curriculum earned national recognition for being among the best of those surveyed annually by *U.S. News and World Report*. The widely circulated rankings also place Ball State's undergraduate entrepreneurship track among the top-ten of all such programs in the country.

CICS grad program named best in nation

Ball State's Center for Information and Communication Sciences



(CICS) has been named the inaugural National Graduate Program of the Year by the International Telecommunication Education and Research Association (ITERA).

The Ball State center was honored March 24, during the organization's conference in Louisville, KY.

Ray Steele, CICS director and ITERA chairman of the board, also was honored with a distinguished service award.

CICS has one of the few interdisciplinary graduate-level programs in the country that combines theory with hands-on learning opportunities in diagnosing information and communication problems.

Ball State recognized as "One-Stop Shop" for conferences

Ball State is now One-Stop Shop certified for conferences and events, thanks to the Association of Collegiate Conference and Event Directors-International (ACCED-I). The university

is one of only 34 higher education institutions in North America to receive the accreditation.

The certification is designed to give outside meeting planners some assurance that Ball State will provide only one point of contact, one all-encompassing contract, and one itemized bill for all services offered.

Ball State's certification is valid for two years, at which time ACCED-I, the only professional association dedicated to collegiate conferences and events, will have the option to recertify the university.

Ball State dedicates Bowen Center for Public Affairs

Ball State has launched the new Bowen Center for Public Affairs to honor **Otis R. "Doc" Bowen**, LLD78, for his many years of public service that have had an impact on the residents of Indiana.

The center will provide training to public officials and research aimed at improving the performance and delivery of government services. In addition to creating the center, Ball State will house Bowen's papers in University Libraries.

Ball State recognized Bowen and provided details about the new center during a March 23 ceremony at the Ball State Indianapolis Center. The Bowen Center is housed in the Department of Political Science on Ball State's campus.

Under the direction of Sally Jo Vasicko and Ray Scheele, Ball State political science professors, the center will consist of three components: the Institute for Public Service, the Bureau of Policy Research, and the Bowen Institute for Political Participation.

The Institute for Public Service will provide professional development opportunities for Indiana state, county, and local officeholders and administrators through targeted training and certification programs. Those programs will feature best-practice solutions to ensure the efficient and effective delivery of government services.

The Bureau of Policy Research will conduct university-based, nonpartisan research to help identify current public needs and respond to the research requirements of Hoosier leaders.

The Bowen Institute on Political Participation, now in its 26th year and regularly hosted by Bowen, will be expanded by increasing enrollment at its annual meeting in Indianapolis. Additional sessions for students and community leaders will be offered throughout the state.

The collected Otis R. Bowen papers offer rich resources for the study of political issues, health policy, and Indiana history. The compilation primarily consists of material related to Bowen's time as U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services under President Ronald Reagan. Many important issues arose during his tenure, including the early years of the AIDS epidemic, catastrophic health care insurance, medical malpractice and liability, and teen pregnancy.

The papers contain materials from Bowen's two terms as Indiana's governor, including constituent correspondence and documents related to state property tax reform and medical malpractice law. There also are personal papers, hundreds of photographs, campaign memorabilia, and correspondence with important political figures of the 1970s and 1980s.

Financial support for the Bowen Center comes with an initial \$200,000 challenge grant from the Ball Brothers Foundation and a \$50,000 challenge grant from Ball Brothers Foundation President **John Fisher**, LLD72, and his wife, Janice.



During a March ceremony, Ball State President Jo Ann M. Gora congratulates Otis R. Bowen for his public service.

DVD raises First Amendment awareness in schools

Ball State is continuing its program of raising awareness about the First Amendment in schools with a new DVD aimed at principals and administrators.

A First Amendment Guide for Principals and Administrators was developed by J-IDEAS, the university's First Amendment awareness organization created to promote the First Amendment, media literacy, and encourage student media in high schools.

The DVD, which will be distributed at national journalism conventions, features several Ball State faculty and school administrators assessing First Amendment issues facing high schools.

The DVD, the fifth installment of the J-IDEAS educational series, was produced in cooperation with Ball State's Teleplex.

University responds in wake of Virginia Tech tragedy

The tragedy at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, April 16, has many universities evaluating emergency plans. Ball State has in place a crisis management protocol to ensure the security and safety of the campus community. The plan is a living document, evaluated and updated as strategies change or new technology becomes available.

Ball State's current emergency plan includes communication through e-mail, the school's Web site, campus telephones, word-of-mouth, and outdoor emergency warning sirens. A response team has been established, and other procedures and protocols are in place.

The safety begins with the campus police, who are fully sworn, academically trained officers, and who routinely attend specialized training for campus emergencies.

A crisis management team reinforces the university police efforts. It is comprised of individuals from student affairs, facilities planning and management, public safety, public relations, risk management, and disabled student services. The team works closely with emergency response, law enforcement, and medical agencies in Delaware County.

In addition, the university police Web site provides up-to-date information and offers resources for handling crisis situations.

Residence halls are locked 24 hours a day with electronic card access and front-desk staff trained for emergency situations, to keep students secure.

The university also has been working on implementing a procedure for the past several months that would provide additional communication in the event of a campus-wide crisis.

President Jo Ann M. Gora said, "We are in the initial stages of investigating opt-in broadcast text messaging to cell phones for these situations," adding that she has asked the communication and technology staff to accelerate the project.

The cell phone warnings may contain obstacles, such as acquiring and updating cell phone numbers with a college community that is constantly changing.

Security policies and procedures continue to develop at Ball State. The university takes its obligation seriously, to be prepared for crises, making the safety of the campus community a top priority.

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Older workers in Indiana:

A Reflection of the national picture

As an aging baby boomer gerontologist, I have been interested in the aging workforce for some time. Will 78 million baby boomers continue to work into their 70's and 80's? Will we have the leisure of working, or will we work due to health care costs and other debts to be paid? Will baby boomers retire and volunteer? Will we embark on new careers?

These are but a few of the questions to ask as baby boomers reach 60 years of age this year. There are social, economic, psychological, and physical ramifications to be considered.

Late in 2004, I delved into some of these issues, involving graduate students in an immersion learning experience. From October 2004 through October 2005, the Retirement Research Foundation of Chicago supported a collaborative project, which included the Fisher Institute for Wellness and Gerontology at Ball State, Workforce Development Strategies, Inc. in Peru, and the Corporation for a Skilled Workforce, located in Michigan. The group's assignment was to collect demographic data about working and aging, to conduct a survey of older job seekers, to interview businesses in six counties (Cass, Fulton, Howard, Miami, Tipton, and Wabash) in North Central Indiana to assess their awareness and attitudes about mature workers, and

to strategize how older workers are retained and attracted back into the workforce. The project was titled, "Maturity Matters: The North Central Indiana 60-Plus Success Project."

A task force was formed based upon geographic and economic representation from the six counties to address the issues. The result was an 18-member task force that represents small companies, major corporations, educational institutions, human resource management, employment agencies, state departments of aging and labor, and regional area agencies on aging.

The task force recommended interviewing individuals age 55 and older, to identify attitudes and concerns about working and aging, conducting a survey of older job seekers, and surveying employers in the region to assess their awareness and attitudes about mature workers. Other information was collected from the United States Census, Indiana state data, appropriate national independent studies, and through labor statistics and economic analysis.

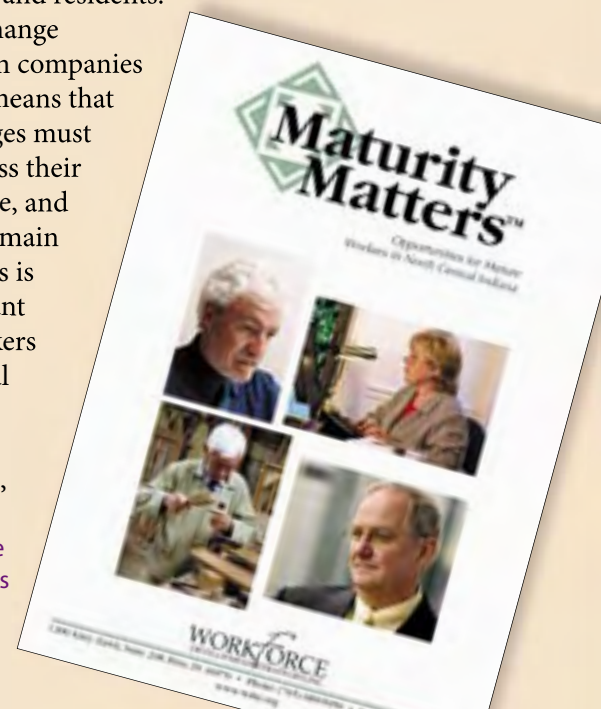
Three themes emerged through the research: 1) mature workers in the region have lower educational attainment rates than their peers in other parts of the country; 2) businesses in North Central Indiana are unprepared for the demographic reality of an aging population and a mature workforce; and 3) an interest in entrepreneurship, the foundation for the region's future economic vitality, is uncertain among mature workers and residents.

The pace of change occurring within companies and industries means that workers of all ages must continually assess their skills, knowledge, and experience to remain employable. This is especially relevant for mature workers in North Central Indiana.

Views about education, skills,



Mary Boykins participates in the SeniorNet class offered at the Community Center for Vital Aging (CCVA), one of two locations providing the computer education program in Indiana.



Members of the community and Shunsuke Tanaka, former CCVA graduate assistant, participate in a Tai Chi class designed for people over 40 years of age.

and lifelong learning among mature workers highlight some challenges to raising interest in and providing access to postsecondary degree opportunities. In focus groups and interviews, we learned that older residents/workers in the region feel that there is no point in going back to school; are challenged by the commitment to completing and paying for a college degree; and believe that employers are less likely to pay for educating older adults.

We developed a series of strategies to address the study results. The first is to reinvent the region's adult and postsecondary education offerings to make second-career, short-term training, and hands-on learning opportunities desirable, affordable, and convenient. That can be achieved through the implementation of a task force to study and to then make recommendations for accelerated degree programs, short-term credentialed learning opportunities, improved articulation agreements, learning assessment practices, financial aid, and long-distance education via satellite.

A second recommended strategy is to provide technical assistance and training to small business owners and human resource personnel on organizational strategies and policies for recruiting, hiring, and retaining older workers.

Methods might include publishing and distributing handbooks for human resources personnel; developing curricula and delivering it via ongoing seminars, workshops, and courses; and providing technical assistance to businesses to establish conducive workforce planning and management practices. Creating an index that defines, measures, and tracks employer concerns, such as absenteeism, turn-over costs, and return-on-investment training dollars, enables solid evidence to be compiled to prove the added value of having a mature worker as an employee.

In addition, a "60-Plus Award" might be given to recognize the top-ten employers with good employment practices and an acceptance of the issues of mature workers, while also raising public awareness.

Finally, we recommended developing a regional economic development strategy that focuses on the launch and growth of small businesses by senior entrepreneurs in North Central Indiana.

Four products emerged from the research: Maturity Matters North Central Indiana Mature Worker Profile, Maturity Matters Report and Key Findings from the North Central Indiana 60-Plus Success Study, Maturity Matters Handbook and Curriculum for Human Resource



Personnel, and Maturity Matters Opportunities for Mature Workers in North Central Indiana Brochure. They provide data that targets the opportunities and realities of today's aging workforce.

A profile of data and research was created to monitor the outcome and future strategies of the project, while a report with key findings was gathered to show the realities of what an aging workforce currently faces. With the handbook and curriculum, human resources personnel and managers will be better-equipped to assist the aging workforce. The brochure enables mature workers to evaluate their next steps by reevaluating their skills and abilities, and assessing whether volunteer work, self-employment, or another job is the best decision.

Few regions have determined concrete strategies and actions to enact for older workers and residents within communities and with a region's firms. The first step has been taken in this region, a step that will lead to a plan for economic viability for the industries and the workers in North Central Indiana.

The products developed can be utilized by other regions as they establish plans regarding such issues as older worker employment, retirement, and entrepreneurship. In particular, the human resources handbook can be used to address the issues of a maturing workforce while the brochure provides older workers with generic information for job seekers and placement counselors. ■

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Kathy Segrist is associate director and gerontology program director for the Fisher Institute for Wellness and Gerontology at Ball State.

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Eye on the prize

by Denise Greer

Senior Guard Kelsey Corbin



Junior Guard Julie Demuth



Freshman Guard Audrey McDonald



Before each game this season, the Ball State women's basketball squad gathered in a circle, chanting "64."

Head coach Tracy Roller says the idea came during a preseason golf outing with the team's supporters and friends. "As the team gathered for their first huddle, senior guard Kelsey Corbin said, 'We're going to say, "64," because it is our goal to be among the 64 teams in the NCAA tournament,'" Roller explains.

The team's winning attitude is indicative of their coach's philosophy. "I don't like to lose," Roller admits. Expectations are high in the women's basketball program. "What we want every year is to win the Mid-American Conference and play in the NCAA Tournament," she says.

On Selection Monday, March 12, the 24-6 Cardinals awaited the announcement of the NCAA Tournament brackets. For the previous week, ESPN had the Cardinals on the roster of possible bubble teams with a shot to make their first-ever appearance in the NCAA Tournament. Excitement surrounding the women's basketball program was at an all-time high.

The energy began early in the season when the Cardinals experienced their second-longest win streak in program history, with ten wins.

As the season progressed, all of the cylinders were firing and the Cardinals were ranked in the top-50 nationally. Their three-point shooting percentage (37.9) was seventh in the country.

Roller signs extension with Cardinals

Women's basketball head coach Tracy Roller has signed a four-year contract extension, through March 31, 2011. Roller, who owns a 115-65 record in six seasons at the helm of the Cardinals, has the most wins in Ball State women's basketball history. During her first six years as head coach, she led the Cardinals to all three of their MAC West Division titles. Three of her six seasons have ended with 20-plus wins and she has guided the team to all three postseason appearances. The Cardinals excelled in the classroom under Roller's guidance, as Ball State has had at least one player earn Academic All-District and Academic All-MAC honors all six years.

The Cardinals' accuracy of field goals (45.9 percent) garnered them 14th place among all 335 programs participating in Division I. They also were in 22nd place for win-loss percentage above 80 percent, and 27th in free throw percentage (74.8). Ball State ranked 41st on the NCAA's Ratings Percentage Index (RPI).

By the end of regular season play, the Cardinals had proven they were a formidable opponent. In front of a record crowd at Worthen Arena February 28, Ball State secured its third MAC West Division Championship against preseason division favorite, Eastern Michigan. The title made Ball State a number-one seed going into the MAC Tournament.

That night was especially emotional for Roller as she listened to the pre-game announcements. Seniors Corbin, Tina Bolte, and Becca Bajorek were all playing in their final regular-season game.

"At [the announcement of] the starting lineups, I got goose bumps," Roller says, noting that all three had been instrumental to the team's success.

Point guard and co-captain, Corbin says that the seniors focused on leading the team, each with a different role. Bolte provided a spark off the bench, and Bajorek, also co-captain, brought energy, despite injuries. Considered the "on-the-court coach," Corbin says she took personal responsibility for, "making sure we were always staying calm.

"We [the seniors] showed a tremendous amount of commitment and tradition," adds Corbin, who became the first

Cardinal to finish her career, not only with 1,000 points, but also 400 assists and 400 rebounds.

"We brought a level of maturity and when you have that, it makes it easier to communicate."

At the MAC Tournament in Cleveland, the team advanced to the final game to face Bowling Green, who had been ranked in the nation's top-20 for much of the season. In a disappointing loss, Ball State did not receive the automatic bid they sought to the NCAA tournament. Further disappointment came when the Cardinals were shut out of the tournament altogether.

"You feel sick, like it's your fault," Roller says.

But the team rebounded, receiving a bid to play in their third postseason Women's National Invitation Tournament (WNIT).

During the first postseason practice, Roller says, "We got into our huddle and Corbin asked how many teams were left [in the WNIT]. Math major Bolte quickly said, '32,' so we all said, '32.' That is the spirit of this team."

Ball State received a bye through the first round, and met Kentucky in the second round. In a hard-fought game, the Cardinals suffered a heartbreaking three-point loss to conclude their near-storybook season.

"I'm proud of the team, our staff, and the community," Roller says of the achievements. And she contends the program's winning spirit is now firm for the future.

"The thing for me is tradition and dreams," she says. "I have so many dreams for this team. I think the level of this program can go so high and this season was a step in that direction.



"For next season, we're in a different spot," Roller continues. "It was the underdog rule all year, and now people know that we are a team with which to contend."

With four starters—Julie Demuth, Porchia Green, Audrey McDonald, and Lisa Rusche—returning for the 2007-08 season and Roller extending her contract, hopes remain high for the program.

Next year's seniors talk about their strategy. "[Fellow senior forward] Rusche and I are working on improving our leadership and overall game," says Demuth, who reached the 1,000-point mark in the final game of 2006-07. "With [team members] coming back, we want to continue where we left off [in the 2006-07 season]."

Among those returning will be freshman guard McDonald, who made 62 three-pointers on the way to earning her place in history as the most-ever by a freshman. For McDonald, it's only the beginning. "I want to keep working at it and not be satisfied with what I accomplished this season," she says. "[Next season] I want to work on being more than just a shooting threat. I want to be more of an offensive threat."

The momentum will only grow as the women's basketball team continues to keep its eye on the prize.

"My prediction for next year: we're going to win the MAC and play in the NCAA Tournament," says Roller. "That is our expectation every year." ■

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THE **Power** **of a BSU degree**

by Katherine Tryon



Ball State's 2007 graduates are facing the inevitable transition from college life to the professional workforce. Armed with skills acquired in their classes, they join the professional career race also equipped with the solid reputation of a Ball State University degree.

Recent studies show that the job market bodes well for new graduates. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, college graduates through 2008 are expected to enter a work force where the number of college-level job openings will almost match the number of college graduates, due to the increase of baby boomers retiring from those positions. Since 1998 and through 2008, 1.37 million college graduates are expected to vie for 1.28 million college-level job openings.



Hetrick Communications' founder, Bruce Hetrick, and president and COO, Amy Ahlersmeyer, discuss a layout for one of their clients.



With two offices in the Midwest, one located in Chicago and one in Indianapolis, BSA LifeStructures hires the greatest number of Ball State architecture graduates in the country.

Ball State Career Center Director Jeannine Harrold estimates that, considering the university's historical pattern, 90 percent of new Ball State alumni will be employed or in graduate school within six months after graduating.

Beyond their challenging coursework in market-responsive disciplines, the university's graduates have gained a wealth of knowledge that makes them attractive to employers.

"[Employers] want real-world experience, technological know-how, communication skills, leadership skills, confidence, and adaptability," Harrold says, indicating that Ball State graduates possess those traits.

The Career Center accounts for some of the training, providing practical services to both new and future graduates. Students may seek help to develop resumes, learn to dress for professional success, refine interview skills, and learn proper professional dinner etiquette.

Skills honed in the classroom and experience gathered through hands-on learning make graduates prime recruits for hundreds of employers. One-half of new Ball State graduates have participated in real-

world job opportunities, a hallmark of the Ball State education.

Networking, often gained through internships and other practical training, is one important component in the overall process of finding a permanent job.

"Internships can be seen as a gateway for students to pass through to secure full-time employment," advises Sheryl Swingley, who coordinates the internship program for Ball State's Department of Journalism.

"If the student is offered a job after graduation, the employer has a new hire who requires a shorter orientation

period and can begin to contribute to operations immediately."

Swingley adds that internships during a student's last term in school offer greater opportunity for conversion into full-time employment.

"Employers like to take as much mystery out of the hiring process as possible," she says. "I believe companies operate on the basis that students who perform well during an internship will usually be good employees."

While the internship provides a level of familiarity for both the employer and prospective employee, the Ball State connection contributes even more credibility. Many companies established by Ball State alumni, or with alumni in major positions within the organization, find the Ball State degree attractive in their hiring efforts.

Wayne Estopinal co-founded the architecture, engineering, and interior design firm, The Estopinal Group, with his wife Thresa. He confirms Swingley's points and says his company's greatest source for interns is Ball State. Estopinal further suggests that internships often lead to full-time employment.

"We treat the internship as a very important part of the College of Architecture and Planning (CAP) education," says Estopinal. "It truly is a chance for us to have a 'six-month interview.'"

Defining his organization, Estopinal estimates that, while The Estopinal



Wayne Estopinal and his wife, Thresa, established The Estopinal Group in 1989. The firm employs 12 Ball State graduates and currently has two interns from the university. The Estopinal Group has hired 62 Ball State interns since its founding.

Group has its design stamp on a range of projects, a large percentage of the firm's work is health care related. He explains that health care is a steady building type.

"It by no means is recession proof, but it is more resistant to the ebb and flow of the economy," he says.

In addition to their headquarters in Jeffersonville, The Estopinal Group also has offices in Evansville and in Shreveport, Louisiana. The group is comprised of 66 employees, 12 of whom are Ball State graduates.

"I think BSU grads have a very strong work ethic, are very creative, and are attuned to solving facility problems with all the creativity that our clients can typically afford," Estopinal says. "Ball State graduates are pushing the envelope for creative design solutions, but not so far beyond the realistic realm that our clients can't use them."

BSA LifeStructures in Indianapolis is an architecture, engineering, and interior design firm, and like the Estopinal Group, places significant focus on health care design. The firm

also actively seeks Ball State interns. Among its claims, BSA LifeStructures is the number-one employer of Ball State's CAP graduates in the country.

Monte Hoover, a 1977 Ball State graduate, is Chairman and CEO of BSA LifeStructures. He echoes Estopinal in speaking about the quality of architecture graduates Ball State produces.

"What we find from Ball State graduates is they seem to be very well-rounded in the profession," says Hoover, adding that hands-on training is invaluable for their prospective employees. "The internship experience gives them good insight to the workings of an office environment as well as the profession itself."

BSA LifeStructures evolved from Boyd/Sobieray and Associates, which began in 1975. The company expanded three years ago, and opened an office in Chicago. Of the organization's 308 employees, 70 are Ball State graduates.

Hoover believes BSA's primary location is especially conducive for Ball State alumni.

Kevin Downey, Alli Hill, and Paul Puzzello are three of BSA LifeStructures' Ball State graduates.



In response to a request within the Ball State community, a roster of firms was compiled that have Ball State graduates as founders or major officers in their companies and more than ten percent of Ball State graduates as employees. Of the companies contacted, the following fit the criteria and replied with data. Those with asterisks are more fully detailed in the lead feature pages.

The Ball State Alumnus invites businesses that meet the criteria to provide information, which will be included in the July issue. Contact us at: alumni1@bsu.edu, or by phone, (765) 285-1080.

Abby Candles, Muncie

www.abbycandles.com

BSU Founder: **James Neal**, '01, president;

Kiersten Neal, '96, vice president; founded in 1997

Total number of employees: 10

Total number of BSU employees: 5

Company overview: a manufacturer of premium candles and candle-related products; with clients in Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan

***Baker's Edge**, Carmel

www.bakersedge.com

BSU Founder: **Matt Griffin**, '98, president and CEO; founded in 2004

***BSA LifeStructures**, Indianapolis and Chicago, IL
www.bsailifestructures.com

BSU Founder: N/A; **Monte Hoover**, '77, chairman and CEO; **Doug Reddington**, '78, principal; founded in 1975

CSO Architects, Indianapolis

www.csoarchitects.com

BSU Founder: N/A; **Randall Schumaker**, '86, principal; **Alan R. Tucker**, '87, principal; founded in 1961

Total number of employees: 96

Total number of BSU employees: 34

Company overview: architectural design firm; specializes in programming, planning, civic corporate commercial, corporate interiors, K-12 education, higher education, and health and research facility design

Design Collaborative, Fort Wayne

www.designcollaborative.com

BSU Founders: **Ronald K. Dick**, '82, principal; **Pat Pasterick**, '83, principal; founded in 1992

Total number of employees: 37

Total number of BSU employees: 18

Company overview: architecture and engineering firm

On the Scene: Baker's Edge

by Laura Ford

Nine years ago, Matt Griffin took a chance on an invention. He created the Edge Brownie Pan, designed to circulate heat evenly, allowing fewer undercooked middles and burned edges.

"I love corner brownies, and a simple redesign of the conventional pan gave me a pan full of them," says Griffin, a 1998 Ball State graduate. "The design was so obvious and straightforward, I was convinced someone else had already thought of it. As it turns out, nobody had."

Griffin's invention led to the beginning of Baker's Edge, a business currently comprised of three Ball State graduates and based in Carmel. While Griffin serves as president and CEO, his wife Emily, a 1997 graduate, is vice president and chef, and David Hall, a 1991 graduate, serves as vice president of sales and marketing.

For the Griffins, adding Hall to the mix was an easy decision.

"Dave was the best choice to join our team when the time came to incorporate and take the next step," says Griffin, acknowledging Hall's work ethic, creativity, and commitment to excellence.

Griffin first met Hall while working in Bloomington for the Monroe County Planning Department. Hall was Griffin's first boss.

"I think we're wired the same way—ambitious, passionate, optimistic, and intensely focused on the things that are most important

to us," says Hall. "I don't think either of us would have guessed we would end up building a business together, but in hindsight it makes sense."

In 2002, three years before Hall joined the team, the Griffins emptied their savings account to fund the first prototypes.



Emily and Matt Griffin began Baker's Edge in 2004.

"I entered a contest sponsored by Visa and MSN, called 'Ideas Happen,'" says Griffin. "Out of 19,000 entries the pan emerged as grand champion and we were awarded \$25,000 in start-up capital."

By 2005, they were able to produce the initial retail version of the pan. *The Ball State*

Daily News was the first to cover the Baker's Edge. The *Muncie Star Press*, the *Indianapolis Star*, and others followed suit, breathing life into the product.

"That early buzz was everything to us. It literally introduced us to the world, and we've never looked back," Griffin says,

admitting that his wife's expanding knowledge of the culinary arts was what provided the extra confidence needed to start the business.

The pan was launched on the back cover of *The Baker's Catalogue* of King Arthur Flour, which Griffin says, "For serious bakers, there's no better seal of approval."

Baker's Edge has since been covered in national publications, on prestigious Web sites, and on television. Though currently sold through specialty outlets, the pan may soon gain a much broader market.

"The opportunities in front of us are widening with every passing day," says Hall. In just six months we've moved from complete obscurity to mainstream visibility."

Emily welcomes the opportunities. "I am eager for [the pan] to become more mainstream

and find a place on the shelves of national retailers," she says.

Matt Griffin credits his education in economics and architecture for helping prepare him to take on the challenge.

"I'm probably more grateful for my education today than I've ever been," he says.

"Where we are located, in Central Indiana, I think BSU graduates develop a strong network of peers and associates," he says. "They are able to springboard from that into their profession."

Douglas Reddington, who graduated in 1978 with his bachelor of architecture degree, connected with BSA when he decided to return to Indiana after working in Colorado.

Reddington found a network of peers when he joined what was then Boyd/Sobieray and Associates. Now a principal at BSA, Reddington confirms the quality of graduates Ball State produces and says BSA actively seeks to hire them.

"We do recruit from Ball State. We actively participate in the job fairs and seek interns," Reddington says. "We believe that Ball State graduates are

very capable, and we are interested in continuing that relationship."

With a large client base in Indiana, Hetrick Communications is a full-service marketing and public relations firm. The Indianapolis agency has four Ball State graduates: Amy Ahlersmeyer, a 1980 graduate and president and COO; Sonja Popp-Stahly, a 1993 graduate and public relations project manager; Paul

"Our Ball State background is very important to all three of us."

Emily Griffin, who obtained her culinary degree from Sullivan University, has been able to put her degree in legal assistance studies from Ball State to use for the business.

"I used my paralegal background to assist in forming our corporation, and in obtaining the intellectual property rights for our pan," she says. "I am glad I didn't go straight to culinary school following high school, because my Ball State education has proven invaluable."

Though Hall isn't using his degree directly, being an architecture student at Ball State was, in a way, a precursor to his role with Baker's Edge. As he continues to sharpen his skills and pour his passion and time into his work, he feels as he did in school—not drained, but invigorated. "Ball State prepared me for this adventure in ways I never would have imagined at the time," he says.

With a start-up business, the Griffins didn't know what to expect at the outset, but by staying true to their strategy—to never compromise on product quality, to continue to grow at a smart and sustainable pace, and to never forget the importance of each customer, they are realizing success.

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"I was convinced that the pan would be a hit, [but] I certainly didn't realize our pan's full potential, and we are just now starting to get a glimpse of it," Griffin says, adding that plans are underway to introduce

another pan, a unique lasagna pan.

"We are entirely focused on building the Baker's Edge brand and expanding our product line," says Griffin. "We intend to grow our presence on the shelves of both regional and national retailers."

Griffin says that when it comes time to add to company management, it's likely they will look to Ball State.

"Reducing risk is always a sound business decision, and knowing what graduates take away from Ball State definitely gives them an advantage when the time comes for us to grow our company," he says.

But, for now, the Baker's Edge team is focused on building credibility and their brand. "Our goal, quite simply, is to do for brownies what the iPod has done for music," Griffin concludes. "We're absolutely convinced our Edge Brownie Pan has that kind of potential." ■

Whitmore, a 1993 graduate and media relations specialist; and Mary Keleher, 1982 graduate and CFO.

Hetrick Communications was established in 1994 by Bruce Hetrick as a sole practitioner in his home and has grown to a staff of 25. The agency is currently gearing its focus toward the health care and life sciences industry.

Ahlersmeyer explains the scope of the company's services. "We do

strategic communications planning, branding and identity development, reputation management, advertising, and media relations," she says. "We do different types of training. We train executives to work with the media, crisis communications, community relations—anything that would fit under marketing communications."

Although Hetrick himself did not graduate from Ball State, he

***The Estopinal Group, LLC**, Jeffersonville; Evansville; Shreveport, LA
www.theestopinalgroupp.com
BSU Founder: **R. Wayne Estopinal**, '79, president; founded in 1989

Halstead Architecture, Indianapolis
www.halstead-architects.com
BSU Founder: **Michael W. Halstead**, '87, president; founded in 1993
Total number of employees: 8
Total number of BSU employees: 4
Company overview: provides reliable, progressive, and community-conscious architecture; client base consists primarily of not-for-profit organizations

***Hetrick Communications, Inc.**, Indianapolis
www.hetcom.com
BSU Founder: N/A; **Amy Ahlersmeyer**, '80, president and COO; **Mary Keleher**, '83, CFO; founded in 1994

Insights Consulting, Inc., Indianapolis
www.insightsonline.net
BSU Founder: **Kelly Hartman**, '89, CEO; founded in 1996
Total number of employees: 84
Total number of BSU employees: 9
Company overview: offers various methods of support for individuals with developmental disabilities

Morrison Kattman Menze, Inc., Fort Wayne
www.mkmdesign.com
BSU Founder: **George Morrison**, '72, partner; founded in 1981
Total number of employees: 20
Total number of BSU employees: 13
Company overview: full-service architectural, planning, and interior design firm serving municipal, institutional, and not-for-profit clients throughout the Midwest, with an emphasis on sustainable design and green architecture

MSKTD & Associates, Indianapolis and Fort Wayne
www.msktd.com
BSU Founder: **James Kratzat**, '77, president/treasurer; founded in 1978
Total number of employees: 78
Total number of BSU employees: 24
Company overview: architectural, engineering, and interior design firm with in-house comprehensive services in architecture; interior design; mechanical, electrical, civil, and structural engineering; planning; cost estimation; and graphic design

Mutual Federal Savings, Muncie
www.mfsbank.com
BSU Founder: N/A; **Dave Heeter**, '83, CEO; **Patrick Botts**, '86, president and COO; founded in 1889
Total number of employees: 300
Total number of BSU employees: 60
Company overview: operates 21 offices in five counties within Indiana (Delaware, Grant, Kosciusko, Randolph, and Wabash); expanding to Elkhart County in 2007; a diversified community bank offering a full range of financial products and services; a wholly owned subsidiary of MutualFirst Financial, Inc.

The Power of a BSU Degree

has established a close professional relationship with the university and serves on the advisory board for the public relations sequence in the Department of Journalism.

That connection, and Ahlersmeyer's familiarity with Ball State's reputation in journalism, helps explain why Hetrick Communications takes Ball State graduates seriously. Ahlersmeyer, who recruits and hires for Hetrick, says her company generally is looking for experienced professionals for their full-time positions. She continues to rely on connections with the Department of Journalism to help find the right professionals to fill those positions.

Ahlersmeyer remembers her Ball State experience as providing good preparation for her career. "I not only got great classroom experience at Ball State, but I also had practical experience," she says.

By the time she graduated, Ahlersmeyer says she had worked "many real journalism-specific jobs" through a student co-op program. As a result of her solid training,

Ahlersmeyer has confidence in Ball State interns.

"I know the program. I know the training people have [at Ball State]," says Ahlersmeyer. "So I know nine times out of ten, we're going to get a good student."

Sunbelt Indiana Business Resource is another example of Ball State graduates working together. The company began when Larry Metzing, a 1971 Ball State graduate and Dick Hester, a 1978 graduate, bought a business brokerage franchise in 1981.

Originally called Indiana Business Resource, the company recently joined forces with Sunbelt Business Advisors, a franchise operated by Ball State graduates Brian Knoderer and Bob Cochrane. After the merger, the company assumed the name by which it is known today.

Six major players on the team at Sunbelt are Ball State alumni: senior partners Hester, Metzing, Knoderer and Cochrane; and senior brokers Steve Pierce and Scott Pounds.

Sunbelt, a national franchise, has nearly 300 offices nationwide, making

it the largest business brokerage network in the country. Serving as an intermediary in the sale of small and mid-size businesses, Sunbelt Indiana Business Resource is the leading business brokerage in the state.

Metzing says the Ball State network played a significant role in the merger. Knoderer and Cochrane had been college roommates at Ball State. Metzing and Hester, older than their business partners, are fraternity brothers. Knoderer, a member of the same fraternity, and Metzing were acquainted through fraternity functions, making business talks easy.

Metzing says the merger has worked well, allowing the company to combine overhead. In addition, he adds that since he and Hester are several years older than their partners, the merger allows for long-term thinking and an exit strategy for himself and Hester.

Metzing believes Ball State prepares individuals well for the job market.

"I think the academic side is every bit as good as anyone else, and the common thread is the work ethic, the

Located in Albany, Paws is the creative and business heart and soul of all of Jim Davis' creations. Currently, 11 of Paws' 57 employees are Ball State graduates.



ability to roll up sleeves and get the job done," Metzging says.

"But it's not just the academic side," Metzging concludes, that has served the company well. He stresses the importance of the connections made at Ball State and estimates that about 70 percent of his business has come through those connections.

"Obviously, it's been a major plus for our company, to know other Ball State people," Metzging says.

Frank Hancock, founder of Sport Graphics in Indianapolis, says it is solid experiential training that makes Ball State graduates impressive employees.

"[Ball State graduates] are so well-trained, also serving time out in the industry, so employers know what they are getting when they hire them," Hancock says.

Hancock, who graduated from Ball State in 1970 with a bachelor's degree in industrial management focusing on printing, created Sport Graphics in 1986 with an

emphasis on supplying print services for amateur sports in Indianapolis. The company, which has expanded its base to include a diverse array of clientele, also has developed beyond just printing to provide complete design, creative services, signage and display services, distribution and fulfillment services, and Web design.

Though the manufacturing and administration divisions of Sport Graphics are in Indianapolis, the company has a sales office in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Hancock estimates that of Sport Graphics' 130 employees, ten percent are Ball State graduates.

Included on the Sport Graphics' team are Hancock's wife Linda, who serves as secretary-treasurer; and children Brian, CFO; Kevin, vice president of sales; and Angela, vice

president of marketing. All are Ball State alumni.

Hancock says that his own hands-on opportunity while a student was similar to what students encounter today.

He credits his co-op experience while at Ball State for giving him not only college credit, but also real-world, relevant training. Hancock spent the spring and summer quarters during his third and fourth years at Ball State working and studying off-campus.

"It was immersive learning a long time ago which allowed me to see the

real world," Hancock says. "It was an excellent experience, and also allowed me to help fund my education."

The Ball State connection is prevalent in an internationally known Delaware County company. Located in Albany, Paws, Inc. was established by Ball State alumnus Jim Davis. The company is the creative and

business heart and soul of Garfield the Cat and other Davis creations. There are 57 employees currently on the roster, and Madelyn Ferris, Paws' senior vice president of operations, says about a dozen of those employees, including herself, are Ball State graduates.

Ferris says when the company is seeking employees, Ball State becomes a logical place to look.

"We are open and we want to hire the best candidate," explains Ferris. "We don't want to overlook someone who is in our backyard."

Ferris says the network established between Ball State and Paws has been an invaluable asset. Usually, she says, at the request of Davis, "We call someone we know [at Ball State], especially when we need someone

***"[Employers]
want real-world
experience,
technological know-
how, communication
skills, leadership
skills, confidence,
and adaptability."
—Jeannine Harrold***



Network Property Services, Muncie

www.wiseincorporated.com/management
BSU Founder: **Debra L. Wise**, '72, executive director; founded in 1994

Total number of employees: 6

Total number of BSU employees: 4

Company overview: performs property management, maintenance and leasing for third-party investors throughout the United States; portfolio includes commercial retail centers, various medical facilities, condominium associations, and residential properties; an affiliate company to Wise, Inc.

Ohlson Group, Inc., Indianapolis

www.Ohlsongroup.com

BSU Founder: **Raymond J. Ohlson**, '72, CEO and president; founded in 2003

Total number of employees: 10

Total number of BSU employees: 3

Company overview: an insurance and financial services marketing organization meeting the distribution, administrative, and marketing needs of independent producers, insurance companies, and financial service firms

Ontario Systems, LLC, Muncie

www.ontariosystems.com

BSU Founders: **Wilbur R. Davis**, '75, chairman and president; **Ronald K. Fauquher**, MA78, senior vice president; founded in 1980

Total number of employees: 455

Total number of BSU employees: approx. 164

Company overview: the technological leader in receivables management solutions and one of the largest software companies in Indiana; maintains 500 clients with offices in Muncie, Berlin, Ohio, and Ellensburg, Washington; more than 55,000 customers use its products each day

***Paws, Inc., Albany**

www.garfield.com

BSU Founder: **Jim Davis**, '67LLD91, cartoonist and president; founded in 1981

Pearson McMahon Fletcher England, Indianapolis

www.pmfne.net

BSU Founder: **Ron Pearson**, '70, president and chief creative officer; founded in 1977

Total number of employees: 43

Total number of BSU employees: 16

Company overview: one of Indianapolis' largest, locally owned full-service agencies; offering advertising and marketing services

Peterson Architecture, Noblesville

www.petersonarchitecture.com

BSU Founder: **Darren L. Peterson**, '91, president; founded in 1996

Total number of employees: 6

Total number of BSU employees: 4

Company overview: an architectural firm with a diverse group of clients, achieving innovative and practical solutions to multiple project types

On the Scene: Rivar's, Inc.

by Jacob M. Laskowski

Beth Slusher was certain she would become an entertainer after graduating from Ball State in 1985. However, the opportunity that awaited her was a bit different from what she had in mind.

Slusher's older sister, Jane Waskiewicz, a 1976 Ball State graduate, was working as a choral director at a local high school. She was having difficulty acquiring outfits for her ensemble, a problem that ultimately led to inspiration for the two to form a new business.

"We realized there was a need for this service from show choir groups all across the country," says Slusher, who along with Waskiewicz began Rivar's, Inc., a business offering custom-made show choir apparel. With the promising new business opportunity, Slusher's dream of being an entertainer was put on hold.

Based in Albany since its founding in 1986, Rivar's, Inc. designs and creates custom-made attire for high school and university show choirs and concert choirs, and adult choirs based throughout North America and Europe.

"On the national scope, we're the only one that does custom [apparel]," Slusher says. "There are regional companies that are smaller, but in terms of mass-marketing to show choirs with custom garments, we're the leader."

Both Slusher and Ronald Hellems, the company's president, design every outfit Rivar's offers. According to Slusher, when the company began, there were only six designs available. Today, customers have a complete

variety of show apparel from which to choose.

In 2006, Slusher bought her sister's portion of Rivar's, Inc. and became the sole owner and CEO. Waskiewicz had moved to California in 1995 to pursue her vocal performance career.



Sharon Brooks, Betsy Baird, Lyndsey Hellems, Kevin Nemyer, Roberta Sue Provost, and Beth Slusher (center front) are the six BSU graduates at Rivar's, Inc.

As head of the company, Slusher says her tasks vary from day to day, especially during what she defines as the busy season, from September through January.

"[I do] a little bit of everything, from financial management to sales and overseeing the total operation," says Slusher. "I'm hands-on with everyone in the building. We all multi-task here when it gets busy."

Slusher explains that she learned to deal with pressure and busy schedules with numerous performance groups during her time at Ball State.

As a performance major, Slusher specialized in voice and French horn, and was involved in symphonic band, the orchestra, and the nationally renowned University Singers. A highlight for Slusher was in 1982,

when the Singers went on tour for the first quarter of the year, performing two to four times a week.

Those experiences, Slusher says, influenced both her professional and personal life.

"Ball State, and primarily my involvement with University Singers, played a big part in my life," she says. "It was our involvement in the show choir and music industry that made [my sister and me] realize there was a need for this type of service and product."

The positive experiences Slusher acquired during her undergraduate years helped her maintain a good relationship with the university, which eventually led to hiring several alumni to help run her thriving business.

"I certainly look to [Ball State]," Slusher says. "We always love the opportunity to have

graduates come here, [and undergraduates] intern with us."

Betsy Baird, a 2005 graduate of Ball State, didn't have to look far when she began her job search after graduation.

"My plan was to teach music," says Baird, "but I submitted my resume [to Rivar's], even though it wasn't my plan to work in sales."

A four-year member of University Singers, Baird had become acquainted with Slusher. As wardrobe supervisor for three years, Baird worked closely with Slusher at Rivar's. In 2004, the two worked together on a reunion committee to help plan the University Singers' 40th Spectacular.

"The knowledge I gained and the connections I made through University Singers were practical and beneficial," says

very specialized." She adds that Paws often has found just the right employee by that method.

Ferris believes a shared college background plays a role in building work relationships. "We have [the experience of a Ball State education] in common and we feel the same

sense of respect and pride for the university," she says, "and that carries into the workplace."

A shared experience, a well-rounded liberal arts education, a strong work ethic, and solid experiential training make Ball State graduates outstanding prospects for

employment. Creating a professional network is just as important.

An example by BSA's Reddington demonstrates how companies can make it easy to establish connections. He says that, beyond offering internships through his company, some of the firm's

Baird. "It was a hands-on experience that I couldn't gain in a typical classroom."

When Baird was offered a position at Rivar's, she accepted it believing it would provide a greater opportunity to learn about a different side of the music and entertainment industry.

Kevin Nemyer, a 1978 alumnus who works in purchasing at Rivar's, also believes Ball State prepared him well.

"[My university experience] greatly helped prepare me for my position at Rivar's. My job here has grown to encompass more than just purchasing, and the exposure to different aspects of business gave me the tools necessary to meet these challenges," Nemyer says.

As an undergraduate, Nemyer studied business administration, but his plans changed, due to multiple interests that he developed.

Nemyer decided to join Rivar's because he knew Slusher and other employees personally and he liked the corporate culture and atmosphere at the company.

Sharon Brooks is an employee of Rivar's, Inc., which specializes in custom show apparel.



The positive experiences Slusher acquired during her undergraduate years led to hiring several alumni to help run her thriving show choir apparel business.

Slusher's continued involvement with Ball State allows her to be a part of the learning process for students. In addition to interacting with Ball State performance groups, Slusher says the company also teams with students from other areas.

"We've had Paula Sampson bring her design students here for tours," says Slusher of the assistant professor of Family and Consumer Sciences. Slusher also has worked with the Career Center to acquire interns.

Slusher's dream of being an entertainer didn't come true, but the reality of owning a thriving apparel business exemplifies her expertise in the music and entertainment spectrum.

"I always thought I would be performing in some way throughout my whole life. But, this has been more rewarding than I ever imagined it would be," Slusher says. "I am blessed with some terrific people to work with every day." ■

architects have served as visiting professors for CAP. The fact that almost one-third of BSA's employees are Ball State graduates, he believes, reflects the strength of the connection.

Harrold echoes the importance of developing, keeping, and making

new relationships as integral to having a successful career.

"[Developing relationships] is what helps people advance in their careers," Harrold says. "The real advantage is you can connect with people who can make a difference in your life." ■

***Rivar's, Inc., Albany**

www.rivars.com

BSU Founders: **Beth Slusher**, '85, CEO and owner; **Jane Waskiewicz**, '76MA82; founded in 1986

Rundell Ernstberger Associates, LLC, Muncie

www.reasite.com

BSU Founder: N/A; **Eric Ernstberger**, '78, partner; **Kevin Osburn**, '90, partner; founded in 1979

Total number of employees: 18

Total number of BSU employees: 13

Company overview: a land planning, landscape architecture, and urban design firm; specializes in parks and higher education projects

Scotty's Brewhouse, Muncie; Indianapolis; West Lafayette; Bloomington

www.scottysbrewhouse.com

BSU Founder: **Scott Wise**, '95, president and CEO; founded in 1996

Total number of employees: 500

Total number of BSU employees: 75

Company overview: an original restaurant that began in Muncie; known for its all-American cuisine and big-city blues atmosphere

***Sport Graphics, Indianapolis**

www.sportg.com

BSU Founder: **Frank Hancock**, '70, president; founded in 1986

Strategic Marketing and Research, Inc., Indianapolis and Carmel

www.smari.com

BSU Founder: **Jim Ittenbach**, '71, president and CEO; founded in 1983

Total number of employees: 20

Total number of BSU employees: 4

Company overview: a full-service custom marketing research firm offering a state-of-the-art call center, a focus group suite on-site, and extensive online interviewing capabilities; all research and technology is provided in-house

***Sunbelt Indiana Business Resource, Indianapolis**

www.sunbeltindiana.com

BSU Founders: **Richard Hester**, '78, senior partner; **Larry Metzger**, '71, senior partner; **Bob Cochrane**, '90, senior partner; **Brian Knoderer**, '87, senior partner; founded in 1981

Wise, Inc., Muncie

www.wiseincorporated.com

BSU Founder: **Jerry Wise**, '73, president; founded in 1978

Total number of employees: 9

Total number of BSU employees: 3

Company overview: a general contracting and development firm; specializes in the development, construction, and real estate management of health care facilities across the United States

Nine named to NFHCA National Academic Squad

For the third consecutive season, nine players on the Ball State field hockey team have earned slots on the National Field Hockey Coaches Association Division I National Academic Squad.

They include: Lauren Cruz (Centreville, VA/Centreville H.S.); Nicole Humphreys (Sinking Spring, PA/Wilson H.S.); Jamie Kahn (San Diego, CA/Serra H.S.); Katie Kloeckener (St. Louis, MO/Nerinx Hall); Caroline Lehman (Palmyra, PA/Palmyra Area H.S.); Brooke MacGillivray (North Vancouver, B.C./Carson Graham H.S.); Melanie Pasillas (Glendora, CA/Glendora H.S.); Amanda Pavone (Palmyra, PA/Palmyra Area H.S.); and Maura Sawicki (Sunset Hills, MO/Nerinx Hall).

The National Academic Squad program recognizes those collegiate student-athletes who have achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.30 through the first semester of the 2006-07 academic year.

Cruz, Humphreys, Kahn, Kloeckener, and Pavone—all juniors—have each been recognized three years in a row. Pasillas, a sophomore, has been named to the squad two straight years, and Lehman, MacGillivray, and Sawicki—all freshmen—earned the honor for the first time.

Stadium to include FieldTurf playing surface

Ball State is the latest Mid-American Conference school to choose FieldTurf for the playing surface in its football stadium. The university will become the eighth member of the MAC to elect to play its home football games on FieldTurf, the world leader in artificial turf. No other NCAA conference boasts as

many FieldTurf fields as the MAC.

In addition to Ball State, other MAC schools with FieldTurf include Central Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Kent State, Miami University, Northern Illinois, Ohio, and Western Michigan.

FieldTurf is the turf of choice for the National Foot-

ball League, with 21 of the league's 32 teams currently utilizing the surface.

Scheumann Stadium has featured natural grass since its opening in 1967. Named for former Ball State football player **John Scheumann**, '71, and his wife, June, the facility is currently undergoing a \$13.6 million renovation.

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Indoor track/field team members gain recognition

Three members of the Indoor Track and Field team have received honors for athletic and academic performance. Junior Amber Williams (Fort Wayne/Concordia Lutheran H.S.) placed 15th at the NCAA Indoor Championships in Fayetteville, AR, in March in the 60-meter hurdles event. Seniors Rose Lehe (Wolcott/Tri-County H.S.) and Amanda Ponsot (Fort Wayne/Carroll H.S.) were named to the Indoor Track and Field Academic All-Mid-American Conference team.

At the NCAA Indoor Championships, Williams was timed at 8:45 during the first heat, but the time was not fast enough for her to advance to the final race, resulting in a 15th place finish.

Prior to the NCAA event, she was awarded the 2007 Most Valuable Performer during the Indoor Mid-American Conference Championships. During that meet Williams broke her own school record in the 60-meter

hurdles and set the MAC meet record in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.19.

Lehe and Ponsot received academic accolades. Lehe is majoring in dietetics and holds the highest grade-point-average on the team at 3.93. On the track Lehe recorded the team's fastest time in the mile, clocking in at 5:04.07 and in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 17:27.18. Lehe also competed in the 3,000-meter run. Her best time of the season was 10:06.58.

Ponsot is majoring in biochemistry and holds a GPA of 3.35. She was the top runner for Ball State in the 800-meter run, clocking in at 2:16.53. She also marked the second-fastest time in the mile, with a time of 5:04.41 at the Ball State Quadrangular.

Four named to swimming, diving Academic All-MAC

Senior Mary Brinkoetter (Decatur, IL/Saint Teresa), junior Michelle Huang (Elkhart/Elkhart),

sophomore Meghan Patterson (Naperville, IL/Neuqua Valley), and senior Brttany Sayler (Crawfordsville/Southmont), members of the Ball State women's swimming and diving team, have been named to the 2006-07 Academic All-MAC Team.

Brinkoetter is a two-time recipient of the award. Most recently Brinkoetter was named to the Second Team All-MAC for her overall performance throughout the season for the Cardinals. Brinkoetter swam her way to a third-place finish at the 2007 MAC Championship in the 400 IM, after clocking a time of 4:28.15. Brinkoetter also took fifth place in the 200 back with a time of 2:04.38.

Sayler was a top-eight finisher for the Cardinals at the MAC Championship in February in Ypsilanti, MI. She managed a fifth-place finish after a final time of 57.60 in the 100 back. She also took sixth in the 200 back, with a time of 2:05.83.

Ball State ended the season with a seventh-place finish at the MAC Championship.

Well-known author Alex Haley is quoted: "In every conceivable manner, the family is link to our past, bridge to our future." From the beginning of the Eastern Division of Indiana State Normal School in 1918 to the thriving university of today, Ball State has been comprised of families who can claim the institution as a link among generations. Six families represented here are prime examples of how one university can create an entire family legacy.

THE BOLINGS

Education for education

A family of educators, the Bolings have always valued their respective Ball State training. **Ralph L. Boling**, '49MA56, met his wife **Bronna Beth Boling**, '48, during their time at Ball State.

Bronna Beth became a teacher, and after serving in the Army, Ralph was principal at Lafayette Central and a dean at South Side High School in Fort Wayne.

"That was [a great] time to be in teaching," Ralph says, fondly recounting his memories of his time in education. The Bolings passed their legacy to their four daughters: **Marcia L. Perry**, '73; **Karen L. Pose**, '74; **Elaine K. Cunningham**, '75; and **Joyce A. Engel**, '80, all of whom pursued careers in education at schools across the country.

Marcia notes that obtaining a Ball State degree was fostered early. "I remember going to Ball State Teachers College and Homecoming every year as a child," she says.

Her parents' support of their daughters and Ball State was evident, she says. "I went to the London Center and was in Italy on my graduation day. Even though I was not in Muncie, my dad went to the graduation ceremony to celebrate."

Ralph and Bronna Beth now have three grandchildren who also claim Ball State: **Justin Pose**, '03; **Sarah Perry**, '05; and Eric Cunningham, who is expected to graduate in 2008.

Supporting the university in which he so strongly believes, Ralph purchased a brick for the Alumni Center walk for each daughter who graduated from Ball State. He has continued that tradition with his grandchildren.

"The people at Ball State have really made a difference in my life," he concludes.

THE DUMOULINS

A legacy of activity

The Dumoulin family has spurred a family tradition that now includes four generations. **Don Dumoulin**, '82, has been an active alumnus, serving on the Alumni Council and the Miller College of Business Advisory Board. He also is a Benny Award recipient. Among his fondest memories are of his time spent in Sigma Chi Fraternity as a student. The fraternity involvement sparked participation, too, in other campus organizations.

"[My wife and I] were always involved in Greek life," says Don. "That's where we developed our closest friends, and it's the same for [our son] Ryan."

Ball in the family

Ball State legacies

by Sarah Kincheloe

Ryan, currently a junior and also involved in Sigma Chi, echoes his dad's sentiment. "Getting involved with the university is where our real family tradition lies. My grandfather was an athlete. My father was involved with Cardinal Corps and the Homecoming Steering Committee," he says. "I feel like we all have gotten the full Ball State experience."

For Don's wife **Lynda Dumolin**, '82, Ball State also was a family tradition, initially sparked by her grandmother, **Mildred L. Lee**, '30. Her father **Preston Brown**, '57; mother **Joyce Brown**, '58; and aunt **Marcia Coen**, '61, also attended the university, in addition to Lynda's brother **Tod Brown**, '85; his wife **Leslie Brown**, '84; and their cousin **Debbi Spall**, '88.

THE STOGDILLS

Four generations of women

Like the Dumolins, the Stogdill family heritage spans four generations. **Phyllis J. Stogdill**, '47, followed in the footsteps of her mother **Rena Zehr**, '18, who attended Ball State to complete requirements for a teaching certificate.

Phyllis recalls her time at Ball State. "I loved living in the dorms," she says. "I loved the music classes and the wonderful classical music events." She also met William J. Stogdill at Ball State. William, a physician, taught nursing students at the university from 1946-47.



The Dumoulin family has been actively involved at Ball State for four generations.

courtesy, the Dumoulin



The Bowers' Ball State family legacy spans four generations. The family boasts 30 diplomas among 20 alumni.

"I think I had some influence on my daughter choosing Ball State," says Phyllis, speaking of **Linda Krieder**, '69. Linda studied education and is an elementary teacher in Ohio.

The Ball State tradition continues for the Stogdill women. Jessica Stogdill, Linda's daughter, is completing her freshman year at the university, and like her grandfather, she hopes to become a physician.

THE BOWERS

For the love learning

Another four-generation family of graduates is the Bowers family, which can boast 30 diplomas among 20 members, from certificate programs and associate degrees, to advanced degrees.

"Ball State is a tradition for the Bowers family," says **Sheila Bowers**, '70MAE79, pointing to a history that began in the 1920s.

The Bowers' love of learning was established by great-grandmother Mary E. Bowers, who never attended Ball State, but encouraged her children to do so. Her two daughters, **Ruth LaMar** and **Lyla Caldwell**, '60, and son **Vernon S. Bowers**, '36MA51, all were educated at Ball State. The first of Mary's grandchildren to attend was **Vernon F. Ball**, '66MS67EdD76. Other grandchildren and great-grandchildren continued in the Ball State tradition.

With many graduates and faculty members in the family, the Avilas have dedicated more than 80 years of service to Ball State University.

Stuart Bowers, MAE68; **Lynn Bowers**, '67; **Thomas Bowers**, '69MAE72EdD82; **Douglas Bowers**, '79; **Bret Bowers**, '94; and **Seth Bowers**, '05, represent those generations.

Besides Sheila, four daughters-in-

law have attended the university: **Cassandra Bowers**, '68; **Laurie Bowers**, '79; **Julie Bowers**, '83; and **Gia Bowers**, '94.

Ruth and Lyla continued the tradition within their families. Ruth's son is **Bradley LaMar**, '65MA71, and daughter-in-law **Mary Ellen LaMar**, '64MA69. Their son and his wife, **Chris LaMar**, '96BS97, and **Ruth Ann LaMar**, '00, are graduates. Lyla's son **Larry Cardwell**, '62, joins the proud alumni ranks.

The Bowers say family loyalty was not the primary reason for attending the university. "No one necessarily had to go to Ball State," says Sheila. "We each found our own value in [the university]."

THE KINGHORNS

Mother, daughter, father, son

No one could question where the Kinghorns' loyalties lie. Not only have they kept Ball State as a tradition, two Ball State graduates have married into the family. The tradition began

with **Thomas J. Kinghorn**, '65MA67, who has served as vice president for Business Affairs and treasurer at Ball State for 41 years. He and his wife **Nancee R. Kinghorn**, '62, have made Ball State a definitive part of their family.

Tom and Nancee's children, **Debbie Linegar**, '92, and **Thomas Kinghorn, Jr.**, '90MS91, followed suit, although it was not forced upon them. "My parents gave my brother and me the option to attend other schools," says Debbie, adding the two decided on Ball State, despite the offer.

"Attending Ball State did come with some rules though," Debbie continues. "They wanted me to have a full college experience, just like I was at another school far from home."

Just like mom and dad, who met in college, Debbie married **Timothy Linegar**, '91, and Tom married **Nichole Kinghorn**, '91. Debbie began working for the Ball State University Alumni Association in 1995.

THE AVILAS

80 years of study and service

Ramon Avila, Sr., '57MA60, knew in high school that he wanted to be a teacher and when that was still his dream after his service in the Korean War, he could think of no better place to pursue his education than Ball State. Little did he know that decision would lead to a family legacy of more than ten degrees and 80 total years of service to the university.



CLASSNOTES

After graduating and completing his master's degree, Ramon, Sr., was a professor at Ball State from 1962-96.

"My kids got the economic picture," he says of his children's decisions to attend Ball State. But that may only have been a partial influence, because after graduating, they made service to Ball State a continued tradition.

Ramon Avila, Jr., '77MBA79, has been a Ball State professor since 1984. "Sports were a heavy influence for me," he says, reminiscent of his time on the men's volleyball team. "But my favorite Ball State memory is meeting my wife."

His wife is **Terry Avila**, '82, and she also has served seven years on the university's faculty. "I loved becoming part of the Avila family tradition," she says.

Steve Avila, MA86, and **Tom Avila**, '82, are two more of Ramon, Sr.'s sons. Steve has spent 14 years on the university faculty, after deciding to teach so he could interact with students. Tom lives in Salt Lake City with his wife, **Rosemary Avila**, '84.

Ramon and Terry's children are Ball State students now. **Sarah Schmidt**, '05, is pursuing her master's degree in speech pathology, and sister Anne Avila is currently a sophomore. The family is reasonably certain that Ryan Avila, the youngest of Ramon and Terry's children, will choose Ball State in the fall.

"The kids have grown up with Ball State and they know the positives," says Ramon, Jr. "They're familiar with the campus, the resources, and they know what Ball State has to offer."

The Avilas are not just a part of Ball State; they have made Ball State a part of their family. "We're like ambassadors for the university wherever we go," says Terry.

And Ramon, Sr. adds he is "very proud of the fact that the kids came back and did so well at Ball State. After all these years, I think we probably bleed a little Cardinal red." ■

1930s

In Memoriam

Eunice C. Orr, '30, Frankfort, March 4.
Dorothy L. (Kantner) Russell, '31, Fishers, March 22.
Marian L. (Ressler) Lowery, '33, Muncie, March 10.
Evelyn Messmore, '36, Dallas, TX, December 23, 2006.
Ruth (Zeigler) Kelso, '36, Tucson, AZ, February 2.

1940s

In Memoriam

Emma M. (Dudley) Gustafson, '40, Muncie, February 23.
Martha E. (House) Dennis, '40, Chandler, AZ, January 30.
Anna M. (Kinder) Quigley, '40, Tipton, February 15.
Janet L. (Kimmerling) Styers, '41, Escondido, CA, August 4, 2006.
Irene M. (Knigga) Rumph, '41, Osgood, February 10.
Freda H. (Harshbarger) Young, '42, Eugene, OR, July 26, 2006.
Aubrey D. Green, '43, York, AL, March 22.
Dona J. (Pierce) Beavers, '43MA74, Muncie, March 23.
Helen F. (Stader) Kuhn, '43MAE71, Shipshewana, February 10.
Mary Ellen (Brown) Dick, '44, Lafayette, February 22.
Maurice N. Davis, '46MA58, Shipshewana, February 27.
Homer G. Carl, Jr., '47, Huntington, February 26.
Wilmuth H. (Hill) Fitch, '48, Corte Madera, CA, January 31.
Albert F. Marzo, '49MA50, Aurora, IL, March 23.

1950s

News

Gwendolyn S. Dunham, '56MA74EdD90, Bringhurst, has retired as dean of nursing at Indiana University in Kokomo.
Barbara A. (Little) Jordan, '57, Lakeland, FL, is retired from her career as a registered nurse. She volunteers at the Talbot House Free Clinic.
Michael H. Prosser, '58MA60, Shanghai, China, is a distinguished professor for the colleges of English, and mass communications and journalism at Shanghai International Studies University. He also is chairman of the International Advisory Board of the SISU Intercultural Institute, and co-edited *Intercultural Perspectives on Chinese Communication*.
Linda E. (Hurley) Hugel, '59, Fort Wayne,

recently assisted in renovating a one-room schoolhouse in Southwest Allen County. She leads historical reenactments on location.

In Memoriam

L. Gene Boyd, '50, Muncie, March 20.
Jon R. Levy, '50, Astoria, OR, March 10.
Richard G. Lott, '50, Saint Augustine, FL, February 9.
John P. McNamara, '50MAE58, Muncie, February 10.
Howard W. McDaniel, '51, Auburn, March 16.
George O. Bertram, '52, Warner Robins, GA, March 21.
Norman E. Crum, '52MA56, Richmond, March 30.
Rose T. (Fragomeni) Ball, '53, Bellingham, WA, February 21.
James E. Walker, '53MAE70, Indianapolis, February 22.
Donald F. Koehnemann, '54, Westchester, IL, March 8.
Janellyn (Smith) Antrim, '54, Fishers, February 20.
Betty V. House, MA55, Atlanta, March 15.
Billie J. (Wallace) Evans, '55, Van Wert, OH, February 18.
Alecia E. (Hindsley) Sheeley, '56, Williamsburg, February 4.
Richard L. Darling, '57, Rochester, March 25.
Max E. Hobbs, '57MA60, Burr Oak, MI, February 14.
Edgar W. Adkins, '58, Anderson, August 15, 2006.
Nancy S. (Fickle) Dickson, '58MAE64, Muncie, February 20.
Gordon G. Roberts, '58, Fort Myers, FL, March 6.

1960s

News

Mary A. Wheeler, '67, Noblesville, has authored *13 Colonies! 13 Years!*, an integration of content standards and the arts that are used to teach the American Revolution.
Marilyn F. (Lake) Watkins, '68MA81, Fort Wayne, is a nurse practitioner for the Huntington Co. Free Health Clinic.
Ronald M. Surface, '68MA73, Marion, has received the Distinguished American Award from the National Football Foundation.
James A. Carr, '69, Kewanna, co-authored and published *Notable American Indians of Indiana and Adjacent States*.

Marriages

Linda S. (Baker), '66MAE76, to **Martin P. Beavers**, '50MA65, January 19. The couple resides in Elwood.

In Memoriam

J. David Troyer, '60, Winter Haven, FL, February 4.
Emma J. (Fickle) Wehrenberg, MA61, Bethesda, MD, February 11.

HIGHLIGHT

by Sarah Kincheloe

For most, work is an activity in an ordinary day. For **Nhitmaene Searing**, '96, each workday changes lives. "In architecture, you're shaping the environment and affecting what's around you," he says.

In Searing's case, the seemingly ordinary work is inspired, as he is one of the few architects in the country with Hmong Chinese background.

The Hmong originated in Laos, where Searing was born. In 1976, he and his family migrated to the States, sponsored by an Indianapolis church. Although not dishonorable to family traditions, Searing says his choice to become an architect rather than a doctor or lawyer was a risk.

"There's not a clear understanding of what architects do," he explains. "[People] can identify with doctors. Most of us go see a doctor. You may go through life without ever using an architect."

But that didn't stop Searing from pursuing his chosen career. Drawn to Ball State's architectural program, "I felt it cultivated and fostered a creative design approach which has augmented my professional experiences today," he says. "It could not have been a better fit."

Searing has now worked ten years, since his graduation from Ball State, for CSO Inc., an Indianapolis architecture firm; and his portfolio contains such projects as the IUPUI

Nhitmaene Searing



courtesy, CSO Architects

Nhitmaene Searing is the only Hmong architect in the state of Indiana.

Center for Young Children, the Purdue Alumni Center, and currently, the airport project.

"It's a big project. It's the opportunity to help, be a part of something," Searing says of the airport project. "I'm doing something that is useful and will further the community."

Attention to detail, Searing says, is a common trait of his culture. "I think that's transferred from my culture [to my work], the attention to the beauty of detail. The whole is beautiful because the detail is so beautiful."

Noticing details and how they complete the whole, Searing concludes, is the tie between his culture and life. "That's how I see myself expressing my culture and how I grew up."

David E. Massette, '61MA65, San Francisco, CA, May 14, 2006.

Nettie M. Hennigar, MA62, Akron, OH, March 4, 2006.

Terry M. Scott, '62, Harvey, LA, September 4, 2006.

Edward Bailey, '64, Muncie, March 17.

Helen A. (Dennis) Peacock, MA64, Muncie, February 11.

Robert L. Friend, MA65, Muncie, March 19.

Carmel C. (Cullen) Mann, '66, Alexandria, March 5.

Warren D. Jones, '66MA69, Ringgold, GA, August 3, 2006.

James A. Neel, '66, Fort Myers, FL, March 10.

Wilbur W. Shimer, Jr., '66MA73, Madison, AL, April 27, 2006.

Nora L. (Abel) Magers, '67, Peru, September 29, 2006.

Lawrence L. Life, '67MA69, Fort Wayne, February 10.

Audrey B. (Ellison) Miller, '68MA71, Carmel, March 23.

Susan J. (Fraundorfer) Wilson, '68MA78, Arlington, March 10.

Larry W. Hall, '68, Elkhart, February 3.

David C. Rogers, '68MA69, Indian Shores, FL, February 14.

C. Michael Sorrell, MA68, Goshen, February 16.

Clarence Crawford, '69, Muncie, March 12.

Hermetta I. Jennings, '69, Los Angeles, CA, March 18.

1970s

News

Mary K. (Kirkpatrick) House, '70, Muncie, is a PRN for Muncie Surgical Associates, Inc.

Alan J. McPherson, '70MA75, Kewanna, has co-authored and published *Notable Indians of Indiana and Adjacent States*.

Ralph E. Stuckman, EdD70, Celina, OH, is the managing editor of "The Potter's Shed" section of *Palette*, a Midwestern fine arts publication. He also is professor emeritus at both Wright State University and Urbana University.

Monica A. (Chlupacek) Ellis, '71MAE73, Indianapolis, has been awarded the Edward L. Frazier Distinguished Service Award by the Hoosier Association of Science Teachers, Incorporated.

Jeff C. Young, '71, North Port, FL, won the 2007 Writers of America Spur Award in Best Juvenile Nonfiction Book for his book *Bleeding Kansas and the Violent Clash Over Slavery in the Heartland*.

John D. Bower, MAE72, Bloomington, recently published *After the Harvest: Indiana's Historic Grain Elevators and Feedmills*, a photography book of Indiana farm heritage.

Brenda M. (Law) Raker, '72MAE76, Floyds Knobs, has been appointed chief executive officer of U.S. operations for Fourier Systems, Ltd. in New Albany.

Norma S. Tomkinson, '72, Hong Kong, China, is project director of international field sales support with Marriott International.

Janet K. (Gardner) Crumly, '73, Indianapolis, retired after 33 years of teaching in Washington Township Schools.

Frederick R. Blevens, '74MA80, Miramar, FL, is associate dean at Florida International University in Miami. He also is president of the American Journalism Historians Association.

Jo A. (Hornberger) Meyer, '75, Greensburg, was the Greensburg Rotary Club Educator of the Year for 2006. She has taught 32 years at Greensburg Elementary School.

Bruce W. Jeffries, '77, Aurora, MO, has been elected to the board of directors of Christian Educators Fellowship, an organization of United Methodist Christian Educators.

John E. Taylor, '77, Indianapolis, was named an Indiana Super Lawyer for 2007 by *Law & Politics Magazine* and *Indianapolis Monthly*.

Ronald L. Troyan, '77, Nashville, is a senior associate finance manager at BSA LifeStructures in Indianapolis.

Kathleen B. (Becker) Kersten, '78, is vice president of design for Kersten Development Group, LLC. Her husband **James E. Kersten**, '78, is CEO of MarketPoint Direct, LLC. The couple resides in Naperville, IL.

Janis G. Wade, '78, Nashville, TN, has been named president and general manager of WISN-TV, a Milwaukee, WI ABC affiliate.

Thomas E. Cloud, '79, Indianapolis, is an

associate principal for RATIO Architects, Inc. **Charles A. Hensley**, '79, Cicero, was recently recognized as an outstanding financial advisor by Citigroup's Smith Barney division. He is a member of the senior investment management consultant team, designated by Consulting Group.

Gregory V. Jagers, '79, Plymouth, owns Greg Jagers Speaks, a consulting and motivational speaking company.

Thomas A. Jeffs, '79, Zionsville, is an associate principal for BSA LifeStructures in Indianapolis.

In Memoriam

Marcia A. Ritter, '70MLS74, Warsaw, December 28, 2006.

Karyn L. (Hand) Schooley, '71, Avon, February 11.

Charles P. Kyncl, '71, Stevensville, December 21, 2006.

Donald D. Neal, MA71, Wichita, KS, February 26.

John F. Sabens, '71MA71, Crawfordsville, February 16.

Beverly I. (Bolinger) Horan, '72MAE78, Indianapolis, March 8.

James M. Wheeler, '72, Columbia City, February 6.

Edna O. (Dotson) White, '73MAE76, Fountain City, March 9.

Alonzo L. Eubanks, '74, Richmond, February 26.

Patricia J. (Harbottle) Hill, '74MA78EdS81, Indianapolis, March 8.

Janet S. (Kirkdorffer) Kooker, '74, Conroe, TX, February 13.

Penny S. Lucas, MAE74, Walton, February 11.

Annabel K. (Burkhardt) Rans, MAE75, Centerville, March 13.

Joanne (Niedenthal) Burney, '75, Portland, OR, February 28.

Brenda J. (Dalrymple) Gasser, '76MAE78, Springport, March 17.

Christine L. (White) Townsend, '76, Eaton, OH, February 5.

Jayne A. (Hall) Durnal, '76MAE78, Plainville, CT, February 22.

Richard D. Justus, '76, Yorktown, March 18.

Cynthia L. Lewis, '76, Columbus, OH, February 25.

Jeffrey W. Nelson, '78, Sycamore, IL, March 18.

Cindy A. (Rinker) Brechbiel, MAE78, Tipton, February 3.

Ruth E. (Strohm) Robinson, MAE78, Syracuse, February 26.

Michael G. McCance, '79, Crawfordsville, March 3.

1980s

News

Susan J. (Gibson) Sears, '80, Martinsville, is the clinical informatics coordinator for operating room solutions at Clarian Health in Indianapolis.

David J. Halvorson, '80, Noblesville, is

associate principal for BSA LifeStructures in Indianapolis.

Joni L. (Skiles) Brinkman, '80, Anderson, is clinical director for the emergency department at Community Hospital.

Robbin L. Chapman, '81, Kissimmee, FL, is a registered nurse and a resource specialist and trainer for Health Services and Prevention Education.

Mark D. Fowler, '81, El Sobrante, CA, is manager of human resources for the American Academy of Ophthalmology in San Francisco, CA.

Richard L. Engelhardt, '82, Indianapolis, is associate principal for BSA LifeStructures.

Kalevi Huotilainen, '83, Mooresville, is senior vice president and an architectural principal for BSA LifeStructures in Indianapolis.

Bruce Hayes, '84, Fort Wayne, was elected director of administration for the Johnny Appleseed Festival.

Geoffrey A. Lisle, '84, Carmel, is a principal at BSA LifeStructures in Indianapolis. He recently completed two projects: Purdue University's new biomedical engineering building and Racine-Carmichael Hall, which serves both Indiana School of Medicine/ South Bend and the University of Notre Dame.

Timothy L. Lake, '86, Fort Wayne, has been appointed assistant professor of English and director of Malcolm X Institute of Black Studies at Wabash College in Crawfordsville.

Julie C. (Goodin) Norman, '86, Brownsburg, is Benefits Communications Coordinator for Herff Jones, Inc., in Indianapolis.

Gloria A. Palmes, MA86, So Cotabato, Philippines, is regional education supervisor in English for the Department of Education REGION XII.

Thomas A. Cheesman, '88, Indianapolis, is associate principal for RATIO Architects, Inc.

Kent A. Hughes, '89, Indianapolis, recently was promoted to associate level at RATIO Architects, Inc.

In Memoriam

Tammy J. (Beavers) Kinney, '81, Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, February 16.

Robin L. (Dempsey) Katker, '86, Lake Mary, FL, March 19.

Sharon J. (Strahan) King, '86, Summitville, March 8.

Pauline A. (Lay) Hunt, '87, Middletown, February 11.

Thomas G. Hammond, '88, Muncie, March 14.

1990s

News

Marc E. Lotter, '91, Indianapolis, is public relations manager for Lauth Property Group.

Paul L. Buyer, '92, Seneca, SC, has been appointed director of music at Clemson University.

Thomas M. Gallagher, '92, Indianapolis, recently was promoted to associate level at RATIO Architects, Inc.

Howard L. McEwen, Jr., '92, Bellevue, KY, received a second place award in Best Enterprise or Analytical Story from the Kentucky Press Association for his article "While the Queen City Dawdled, NKY Took Action."

Erin R. (Corbin) Meszaros, '92, Mableton, GA, is chief marketing officer for Powell Goldstein, LLP in Atlanta.

Angela M. Hurley, '93, Indianapolis, is communications director for the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence. She also is a member of the board of the Young Professionals Auxiliary at the Eiteljorg Museum.

Ann-Marie Jancovich, '93, Crown Point, is director of marketing for Spark, LLC in Tempe, AZ.

Matthew R. Mayol, '93, Indianapolis, is president of Odle McGuire Shook Corporation.

Patricia J. (Webb) Hall, '93, Laredo, TX, has been named the Women in Business Champion of the Year by the San Antonio District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Lisa M. (Pawlowski) Dougherty, '94, Los Alamos, NM, is a post-doctoral associate in the materials science and engineering division of the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Derek L. Selke, '94, Indianapolis, is senior associate for BSA LifeStructures.

Kerry M. Dunn, '95, Lebanon, is vice president of finance for BSA LifeStructures in Indianapolis.

J. David Hillery, '95, Virginia Beach, VA, has received the 2007 Merck Directors Award for the Atlantic region.

Dax D. Norton, '95, Bloomington, is executive director for the Blackford County Economic Development Corporation in Hartford City.

Elliott I. Pinkie, '95, Fishers, is an associate for Hoover Hull, LLP of Indianapolis.

Mark S. Abbey, '96, Indianapolis, is associate principal for BSA LifeStructures.

James M. Fredericksen, MA96, Buffalo, MN, has been appointed assistant actuary for Securian Financial Group in St. Paul.

Genevieve M. (Heinrich) Fite, '97, Hillsboro, OH, is a kitchen and bath designer for Kibler Hardware.

Lisa M. (Gebken) Thibault, MA98, Indianapolis, has been named associate editor for Kappa Alpha Theta.

Matthew S. Vinten, '98, Charlotte, NC, is senior landscape designer and company associate for LandDesign, an urban planning, civil engineering, and landscape architecture company.

Sara E. Skinner, '99, Atlanta, GA, is DTI implementation coordinator for COXnet.

Marriages

Kathryn J. (Fabyan), '92, to Jeff Dew, January 27. The couple resides in Fishers. Kathryn is a senior project manager at Concentrics Research in Indianapolis.

Dalaena L. (Hall), '95BS06, to Steven P. Johnson, November 11, 2006. The couple resides in Indianapolis.

Michael J. Rippey, '98, to Jill A. (Shearer), November 25, 2006. They live in Tipton.

Jennifer S. (Wood), '98, to Chadd Alexander, January 12. The couple lives in Alexandria.

Jacob A. Plummer, '99, to Leigh A. (Sappenfield), November 25, 2006. Jacob recently was promoted to the senior professional level for RATIO Architects, Inc., in Indianapolis.

Ashley K. (Sheridan), '99, to William W. Clampitt, September 2, 2006. They reside in Indianapolis.

New Additions

Andrew G. Winslow, '91, and his wife Rebekah, a daughter, May 11, 2006. Andrew is director of the LifeFit Rehabilitation Program in Beaufort, SC, and personnel officer for the 429th medical evacuation battalion in Savannah, GA. The family resides in Beaufort.

Kimberly E. (McCombs) Woolery, '92, and her husband Raymond, a daughter, December 7, 2006. The family lives in Phoenix, AZ.

Heather A. (O'Brien) O'Keefe, '92, and her husband Jim, a daughter, January 3. They live in Downingtown, PA.

Michelle R. (Lee) Cradick, '93, and **Greg H. Cradick, '92**, a daughter, June 1. They reside in Carmel.

Jennifer L. (Blackwell) Mungovan, '93, and her husband Pete, a son, May 25, 2006. They reside in Indianapolis.

Michele M. (Pellissier) Hoenig, '93, and her husband Gary, a son, December 13, 2006. Michele is senior account executive at Mc/K Advertising in Boston. The family resides in Danvers, MA.

Erika L. (Seydel) Cheney, '94, and her husband Keith, a daughter, September 30, 2006. The family resides in Indianapolis.

Todd R. Singer, '95, and his wife Katie, a son, January 9. They live in Plainfield.

Stephanie N. Hays-Mussoni, '97MA04, and her husband Jeremy, a daughter, August 22, 2006. Stephanie is interim executive director at Cope Environmental Center. The family lives in Richmond.

Diedra K. (Hudgens) Geye, '97, and her husband Anthony, a son, December 18, 2006. Minneapolis, MN.

Kathi D. (Rogers) Spurrier, '97, and her husband **Mark D. Spurrier, '95MBA99**, Fishers, a daughter, May 8, 2006.

Wendy E. (Weddle) Butiste, '97, and **Anthony S. Butiste, '95**, Nashville, a daughter, September 22, 2006. Wendy is a science teacher in Brown County and Anthony is a teaching assistant pursuing a degree in education.

HIGHLIGHT

by Laura Ford

Suzanne Huber, '69, a high school family and consumer sciences teacher at Noblesville High School (NHS), was recognized last year with the Distinguished Hoosier Award for her humanitarian efforts within her community. The award is given through the governor's office, recognizing Indiana citizens for going above and beyond.

"I just do the same thing I think others would do," says Huber, who is humbled by the award.

Huber is currently active as a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, Noblesville Main Street, Good Samaritans, youth baseball and softball, and various events conducted in Indianapolis, not to mention being involved with Ball State and school activities at NHS.

As a student at Ball State, Huber was active in Lucina Hall government and home economics organizations. As an alumni volunteer, she is the past president of the Family and Consumer Sciences Alumni Society and serves on the Cardinal Varsity Club board of directors.

It was her 1965 NHS class that nominated Huber for the Distinguished Hoosier Award. The class cited Huber's humanitarian spirit, saying she led a fundraising effort among her alma mater's

Bridgette M. (Bartley) Ridley, '98, and **Jeremy J. Ridley, '00MA05**, North Bend, OH, a son, November 14, 2006.

Sarah R. (Hayes) Saucedo, '98, and her husband Richard, a son, December 8, 2006. They live in Fishers.

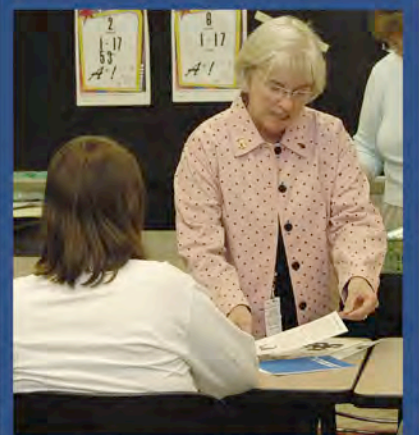
Shanna M. (Bolander) Mayfield, '99, and **Douglas G. Mayfield, '98**, Indianapolis, a son, December 14, 2006.

Leslie L. (Bunch) Dues, '99, and her husband Brad, a son, January 23. They live in Portland.

Jessica L. (Bunger) Rodrigue, '99, and her husband Eric, a daughter, October 23, 2006. The family resides in Portland, TX.

Suzanne M. (Lewis) White, '99, and **Isaac M. White, II, '99**, a son, March 7. The family lives in Indianapolis.

Suzanne Huber



courtesy, Suzanne Huber

Suzanne Huber teaches at Noblesville High School and is a Distinguished Hoosier Award recipient.

classmates, that resulted in obtaining \$4,000 to help cover the cost of liver transplants for a couple from her class.

"We were a class that was close in school, and this shows how we remained caring and helpful in life," Huber says of the outcome.

Now in her 28th year of teaching in the Noblesville schools, Huber proudly displays the award in her classroom. "I'm very happy to tell any student who asks, what it is and how I achieved it," Huber says. "A smile or thank you is enough, but this [award] was very special, and appreciated."

In Memoriam

Kendall A. (Hansen) Roth, '94, Indianapolis, March 18.

Linda S. Cummins, MA97, Anderson, February 7.

Monica J. (Botts) Ridenhower, '98, Indianapolis, March 24.

2000s

News

Jennifer M. (Hoch) Miller, '00, Indianapolis, is a technical associate for the finance department at BSA LifeStructures.

Eric J. Anderson, '01, Indianapolis, has been promoted to senior professional level for RATIO Architects, Inc.

Andrea Bednar, '01, Las Vegas, NV, is an

investment representative for Consolidated Mortgage, a real estate investment company. **Joe Hardenbrook**, '01, Decatur, IL, is an education technologist and research librarian at Millikin University.

Anne M. (Kouris) Hoff, '01, Los Angeles, CA, works for designer Nicole Miller and does commercials and impromptu comedy.

Hillary N. Lawrence, '01, Indianapolis, is human resources manager for TelSpan Conferencing Services.

Marta A. (Ruggiero) Stephens, '01, Muncie, has published a mystery novel, *Silenced Cry*.

Kathryn E. Swihart-Sentz, '01, Seymour, is a senior consultant for BKD CPA and advisory firm in Indianapolis.

Adam K. Haffner, '02, Daleville, recently joined BSA LifeStructures in Indianapolis.

Sean P. McDonald, '02, Indianapolis, is a 2D/3D motion designer at Vision 3 Creative Agency. He recently produced a motion graphics piece for the 2007 Chicago Motion Graphics Festival. The video will be released with the Festival DVD.

Sherrill A. (Morris/Green) White, '02, Albany, is a certified health care professional and process improvement coordinator for Cardinal Health Systems.

Amanda L. (Hensley) Pallada, '03, Logansport, is director of health promotions for American Senior Communities. Her husband **David M. Pallada**, '02, is director of bands for Pioneer High School in Royal Center.

Mark J. Herron, MA03, Dallas, TX, is an accounts manager for Jostens.

Bowen J. Moreland, '05, Mishawaka, is a registered representative of John Hancock Financial Network of Northern Indiana, Vandy Agency.

Staci L. Schafer, '06, Indianapolis, is a sales assistant and receptionist for Ritz Charles.

Charles F. Schelle, '06, Clear Spring, MD, writes for the Sykesville and Eldersburg editions of *The Gazette* in Mount Airy, MD.

Benjamin A. Tietz, '06, Arlington, VA, is training at the Foreign Service Institute as a foreign service officer.

Marriages

Amy K. (Bays), '00, to Jason R. Diedrich, March 10, 2007. The couple resides in Noblesville.

Benjamin J. Fisher, '01, to Brandy L. (Higinbotham), July 29, 2006. The couple lives in Catoosa, OK.

Lyndsi M. (Hay), '01, to Ryan M. Frank, June 10, 2006, Chicago, IL.

John T. Moore, '01MS02, to Georgia (Corbett), March 3. They live in Doraville, GA.

Rebecca S. (Young), '01, to Kevin Fisher, September 16, 2006. The couple lives in Mattawan, MI.

Michelle L. (Bennett), '02MS03, to **Peter F. Wissman**, '05, March 10. The couple resides in Fishers.

Jeremy D. Cracraft, '02, to Heather (Beeson), December 30, 2006. Jeremy is a regional account manager for Terminix. The couple resides in Bloomington.



Upcoming Events

May	2	Teacher Fair	Worthen Arena
	4	StART Senior Congrats Party	Alumni Center
	4	Nursing Pinning Ceremony	Emens Auditorium
	5	Commencement	Campus
	12	Black Alumni Society Board of Directors meeting	Alumni Center
June	31	Terre Haute Alumni Outing	Terre Haute
	5	Michiana Alumni Chapter Board of Directors meeting	Elkhart
	6	FCS Alumni Society Board of Directors meeting	Campus
	8	Greater Indianapolis Area Alumni Chapter Picnic and Indians Baseball Outing	Indianapolis
	8-9	Men's Gymnastics Alumni Reunion	Granger
	9	Symphony on the Green	University Quad
	9	Education Redefined Tour with President Gora	Santa Fe, NM
	9	NREM Alumni Society White River Clean-up	Noblesville
	13	Greater Indianapolis Area Alumni Chapter CPA Continuing Education Seminar	Assembly Hall
	13	Gamma Gamma Luncheon	Alumni Center
	14-15	Class of 1957 Golden Anniversary Reunion	Alumni Center
	23	Journalism Alumni Society Board of Directors Meeting	Indianapolis
	22-23	Navigators 1969-88 Reunion	Alumni Center
	26	Teachers College Alumni Board Meeting	Alumni Center
July	14	Northeastern Indiana Alumni Chapter Three Rivers Festival Parade	Fort Wayne
	15	Homecoming Steering Committee Summer Retreat	Alumni Center
	20	Nursing Pinning Ceremony	Student Center
	21	Michiana Alumni Chapter 4-H Fair Outing	Goshen
	23	FCS Alumni Society "Make n' Take"	Muncie

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Joann M. (Heintz), MA02, to Chris Geiger, April 13. The couple resides in Prairie Du Sac, WI.

Emily E. (McGuire), '02, to **Travis M. Woodruff**, '02, March 17. They live in Denver, CO.

Stacie L. (Kanning), '03, to **Kevin J. Gass**, '95MAE03, March 17. They live in Huntington, where Stacie is a special education teacher for Huntington County Community Schools. Kevin is a history teacher, also for Huntington County Community Schools.

Kelli J. (Brock), '04, to Lance Turner, November 4, 2006. They live in Muncie.

Amber L. (Hampton), '04, to Dan Mason, May 20, 2006. Amber is a teacher at Noblesville High School. The couple resides in Cicero.

Kathryn A. (Mitchell), '04, to **John D. Richter**, '05, Muncie, March 27. Kathryn is a kindergarten teacher in Hamilton and John is employed by Performance Food Group in Kendallville.

Amy L. (Shively), '04, to Kenneth K. Preston, March 24. The couple lives in Muncie.

Ashlee B. (Stewart), '04MA06, to **Jammie L. Bane**, '04, Muncie, September 30, 2006. Ashlee works for the Muncie YMCA and Jammie is employed by the Delaware County Health Department.

Katherine I. (Applegate), '05, to **Michael T. Quaranta**, '04, October 28, 2006. Michael is a teacher for Noblesville schools and Katherine teaches at Carmel Clay Schools. They reside in Noblesville.

Heather M. (Gebhart), '05, to **Robert H. Leavitt**, MA02, on April 8, 2006. They live in Kokomo and are teachers for Kokomo High School.

Nichole L. (Massing), '06, to **Chester A. Coon**, '01, Muncie, March 24.

New Additions

Shannon M. (Clements) Sexton, '01, and her husband Landon, a son, January 5. The family lives in West Terre Haute.

Pacita M. (Gibson) Bassler, '02, and **Christopher A. Bassler**, '01, a daughter, October 19, 2006. They live in Fort Wayne.

Amanda K. (Gushrowski) Uskert, '02, and her husband Michael, a daughter, January 20. The family lives in Rockaway, NJ.

Julie M. (Schubring) Luker, '03, and her husband Matthew, a daughter, March 25. The family lives in Eagan, MN.

Lisa M. (Knisley) Harwood, '04, and her husband Bobby, a daughter, February 4. They reside in South Bend.

In Memoriam

Amanda L. (Gottschalk) Ford, '01, Jacksonville, NC, February 26.

John W. Galovic, '01, Indianapolis, March 7.

Mary R. (Sheppard) Sutton, '03, Lake Havasu City, AZ, January 2.

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		6. Assorted hats. Black with white "B" (H1); red with Cardinal logo (H3); red with "Ball State" and Cardinal logo (H4); stone with "Ball State" and Cardinal logo (H5); charcoal with "Ball State" and Cardinal head logo (H6); red with "Ball State University Alumni" and Benny logo (H7); stone with "Ball State Alumni" (H8); and stone with "Ball State" (H9).			\$14.95	
		7. Sweatshirt by Cotton Exchange. Red with "Ball State University" embroidered in white (S6). (S, M, L, XL)			\$29.95	
		8. Brushed light blue denim long-sleeved shirt. Button-down collar. BSUAA logo on left pocket. In men's (M, L, XL, XXL). In women's (S, M, L, XL, XXL)			\$34.95	
		9. T-shirt, 100% cotton. In red with black and white logo (T4). (S, M, L, XL, XXL)			\$10.38	
		10. BSU "Hoodie." Red with "BSU Cardinals" embroidered (S10) and BSU sweatshirt, grey with "BSU Cardinals" embroidered (S9) (S, M, L, XL, XXL)			\$36.99	
		11. Unisex quarter zip fleece. In red with "Ball State" embroidered on front and "Alumni" and Cardinal logo embroidered on back (F2) (S, M, L, XL, XXL)			\$37.95	
		12. Women's Tiger Mountain full zip fleece. In red with "Ball State" embroidered on front and "Alumni" and Cardinal logo embroidered on back (F1) (M, L, XL)			\$47.95	
		13. Kids short sleeved t-shirt by Third Street Sportswear, 100% cotton. In red with "Ball State" in black and white writing (K1). In grey with "Ball State" in black and red writing (K2). (6-18 mos., 2T-Youth XL) Also available in adult sizes from Fruit of the Loom (T7) (RED only).			\$10.38	
		14. Kids "Hoodie" by Third Street Sportswear, cotton/poly blend. In red with "Ball State Cardinals" written in black and white. "Ball State" is printed inside the hood lining in red (K3). (2T-Youth XL)			\$21.95	
		15. Bib with snap fastener by Third Street Sportswear, cotton/spandex. In red with "Ball State" written in white (K4).			\$7.55	
		16. Kids short-sleeved t-shirt by Third Street Sportswear, 100% cotton. In red with "My First Ball State T-Shirt" in white writing and Charlie Cardinal logo in the middle. (NOTE: Projected ship date for this item is 11/20/06) (K5).			\$10.38	
		17. License plate frame by Stockdale. In mirrored chrome with "ALUMNI" and "BALL STATE" (L1). In chrome with "ALUMNI" and "BALL STATE" reflective lettering on black background with Charlie Cardinal logo (L2).			\$12.95	
		18. 60" Hurricane Golf Umbrella. In red and white with Ball State Alumni Association logo (U1). (Ships separately from the other orders, additional shipping fee applies)			\$29.95	
		19. Slide top stainless steel travel mug with handle. In red, with Charlie Cardinal logo in white and "Ball State Alumni" written underneath in white (M1).			\$9.99	
		20. (Not Pictured: Ball State University, An Interpretive History. A narrative look at the university, authored by Ball State professors Anthony Edmonds and Bruce Geelhoed.			\$29.95	

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